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ABOUT THAT ASSINE, THAT HE SAW THE PATIENT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE DRAMATICALLY RECOVERING
OUR MEETING ONES SAW -
A WAY DRAMATICALLY EARLIER ABOUT THE PATIENT'S CLINICAL RECOVERY.
BUT TO MAKE HIS RECOVERY SEEM EVEN MORE DRAMATICALLY IN JUST TWO WEEKS!!
I-I SEE... THAT.
MASHIKOUCHI WAS DRAMATICALLY UNDERMINE THE BABY'S SURGEON.
F-CK IT!!
IF POSSIBLE, I WANT HIM TO FACE IT VIGOROUSLY.
MASHIKOUCHI WAS SUDDENLY NOW MOVED FACES THE DIRECTION.
LEAVE OUT ZERO.
HI- NOW?
THIS WORK WAS MOVED OUT
A WAY DRAMATICALLY HOW THE BABY FACING IT.

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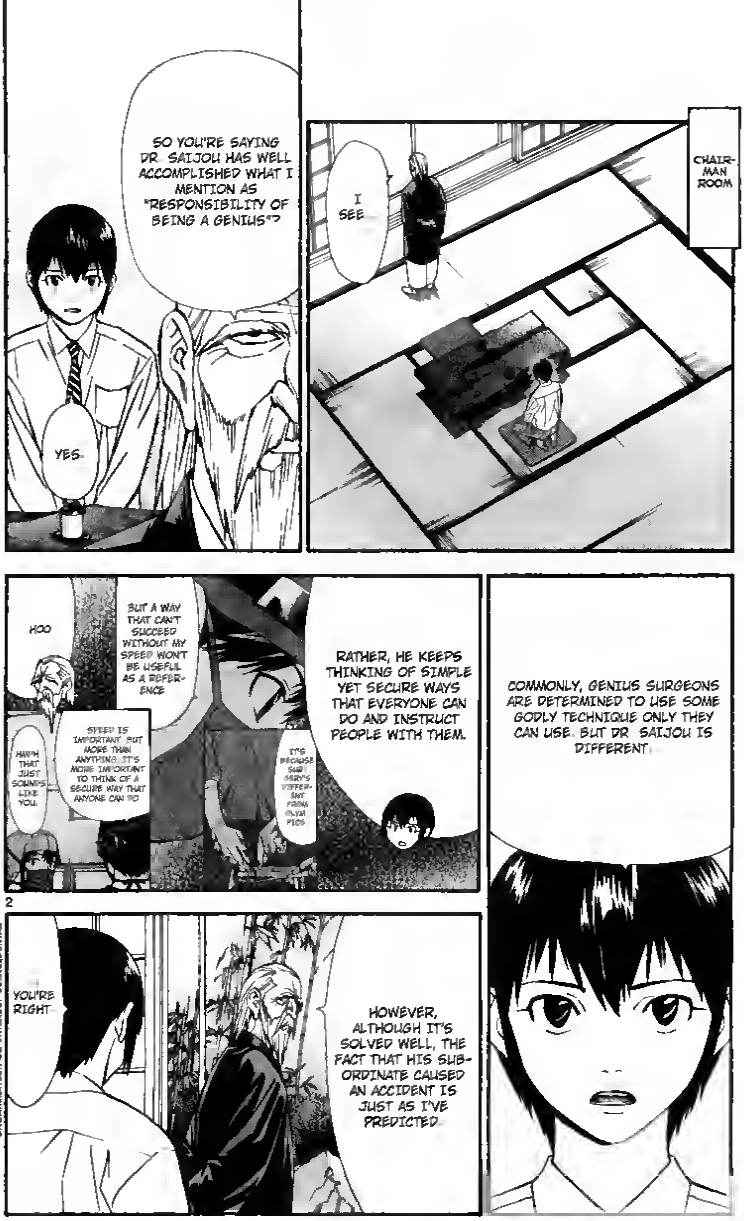
SO YOU'RE SAYING DR. SAIJOU HAS WELL ACCOMPLISHED WHAT I MENTION AS "RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GENIUS"?
YES.
CHAIR-MAN ROOM
I SEE...
COMMONLY, GENIUS SURGEONS ARE DETERMINED TO USE SOME GODLY TECHNIQUE ONLY THEY CAN USE. BUT DR. SAIJOU IS DIFFERENT.
RATHER, HE KEEPS THINKING OF SIMPLE YET SECURE WAYS THAT EVERYONE CAN DO AND INSTRUCT PEOPLE WITH THEM.
IT'S BECAUSE SHE HAS'VE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PEOPLE
HOO
BUT A WAY THAT CAN'T SUCCEED WITHOUT ANY SPEED WON'T BE USEFUL AS A REFERENCE
SPEED IS IMPORTANT, BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO THINK OF A SECURE WAY THAT ANYONE CAN DO
HMPH THAT JUST SOUNDS LIKE YOU.
HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH IT'S SOLVED WELL, THE FACT THAT HIS SUB-ORDINATE CAUSED AN ACCIDENT IS JUST AS I'VE PREDICTED.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

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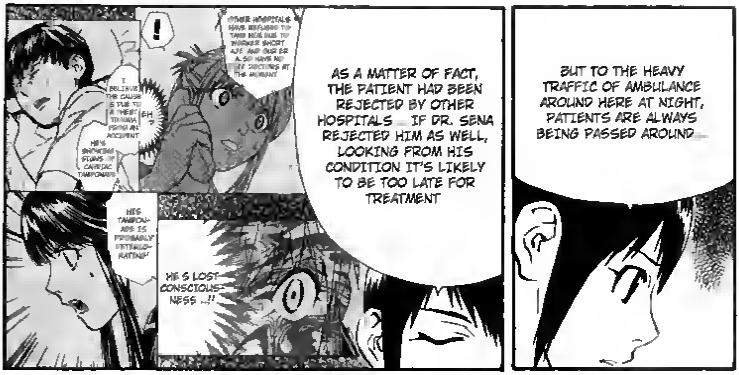
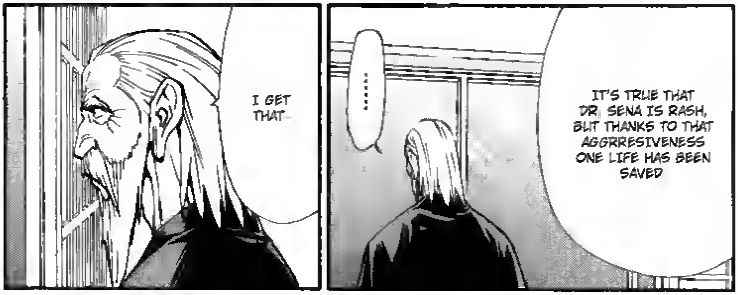
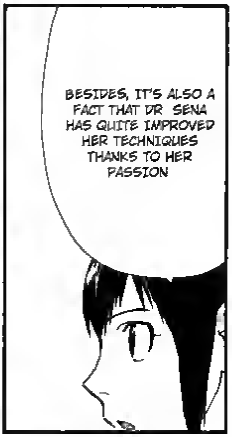

!
I BELIEVE THE CAUSE IS DUE TO A HEART TROUBLE FROM AN ACCIDENT
EH...?
HE'S SHOWING SIGNS OF CARDIAC TAMPONADE
OTHER HOSPITALS WERE REFUSING TO TAKE HIM DUE TO THEIRS BEING SHORT ON ER AND SHIZUKA-SAN WAS ALSO HAVING NO EFFECTIVE AT THE MOMENT
AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE PATIENT HAD BEEN REJECTED BY OTHER HOSPITALS... IF DR. SENA REJECTED HIM AS WELL, LOOKING FROM HIS CONDITION IT'S LIKELY TO BE TOO LATE FOR TREATMENT
HIS TAMPONADE IS PROBABLY FETELO-RATING!
HE'S LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS...!!
BUT TO THE HEAVY TRAFFIC OF AMBULANCE AROUND HERE AT NIGHT, PATIENTS ARE ALWAYS BEING PASSED AROUND...


I GET THAT...
.....
IT'S TRUE THAT DR. SENA IS RASH, BUT THANKS TO THAT AGGRRESIVENESS ONE LIFE HAS BEEN SAVED

EXACTLY
BUT BEING TOO CAUTIOUS OF FAILURE AND END UP PREVENTING THE MEDICAL WORLD FROM ADVANCING IS ALSO WRONG
AS I WORRIED, IT'S PROVEN THAT WHEN AN ORDINARY PEOPLE STRIVE FOR SOMETHING AND FAIL IT WILL LEAD TO LOTS OF ACCIDENTS...

DISSECTING, SUTURING AND LIGATING — THEY'RE ALL BASICS, BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT SHE'S BETTER THAN ME WHO'S A ONE-YEAR SENIOR
S-SHE'S QUICK !
THERE THE PART TO SEND BLOOD IN IS DONE
THE TECHNIQUE SENA'S USING IS PROBABLY OF PROF. Y'S


BESIDES, IT'S ALSO A FACT THAT DR. SENA HAS QUITE IMPROVED HER TECHNIQUES THANKS TO HER PASSION

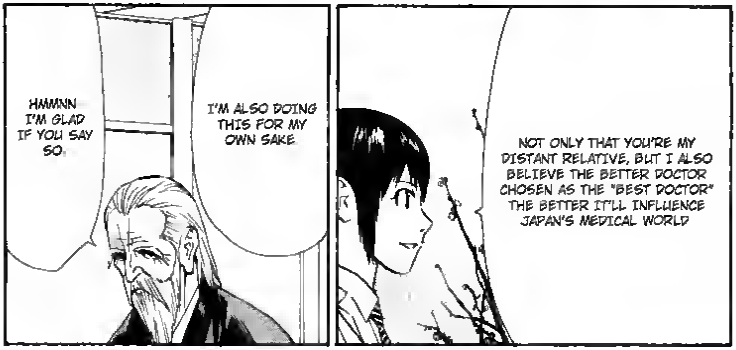
I GET WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO CONVEY HERE.

THAT'S NOT SOMETHING CAN BE EASILY ACHIEVED WITHOUT HARD WORK

I BELIEVE IT'S DR. SAIJOU'S CHARACTER IN WHICH HE'S NEVER CONCEITED BY HIS GENIUS, THAT HAS GIVEN A GOOD INFLUENCE TO HER
I SEE

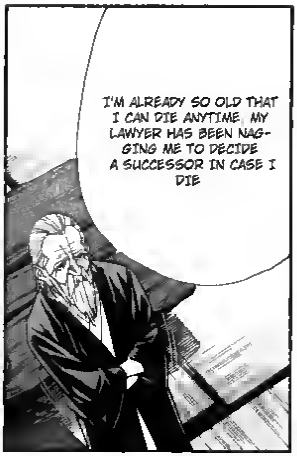
DR. SENA SAID DR. SAIJOU KEEP SAYING THAT BASICS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT, BUT

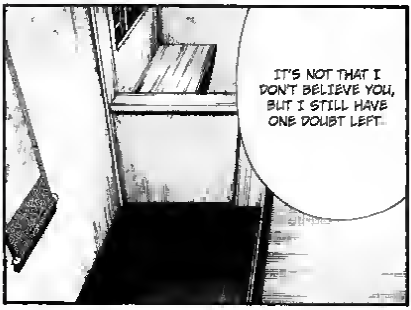
I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE DOING THIS SPY THING, BUT YOU'VE DONE GOOD.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.


NOT ONLY THAT YOU'RE MY DISTANT RELATIVE, BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THE BETTER DOCTOR CHOSEN AS THE "BEST DOCTOR" THE BETTER IT'LL INFLUENCE JAPAN'S MEDICAL WORLD
I'M ALSO DOING THIS FOR MY OWN SAKE.
HMMNN I'M GLAD IF YOU SAY SO.

THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR YOU OUT OF GRATITUDE IS THAT I'LL CONSIDER DR SAIJOU, AS YOU'VE NOMINATED HIM TO BE MY SUCCESSOR
I-IS THAT FOR REAL?!
YES

I-I KNOW
HOWEVER, I DON'T PLAN ON ANNOUNCING THIS THING OFFICIALLY SO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T SPREAD THIS OUT FROM HERE


I'M ALREADY SO OLD THAT I CAN DIE ANYTIME. MY LAWYER HAS BEEN NAGGING ME TO DECIDE A SUCCESSOR IN CASE I DIE


IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, BUT I STILL HAVE ONE DOUBT LEFT.

AND ONE MORE THING.

WHAT IS IT?

I WANT TO TEST DR SAIJOU ABOUT ONE MORE THING.

ACTUALLY, BY ONE OF MY OLD ACQUAINTANCE'S REQUEST, I HAD ONE PATIENT I LEFT UNDER SANO'S FATHER'S CARE.
TEST...
?
I WANT DR SAIJOU TO CHECK ON THAT KID AS SOON AS HE CAN
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ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO TELL DR. SAIJOU THAT I WANT HIM TO CHECK ON MY FRIEND'S KID
I WON'T TELL ANY-THING IN DETAIL YET
IF HE'S UNDER DR SANO'S CARE, THAT MEANS HE'S AN INTERNAL PEDI-ATRIC'S PATIENT, ISN'T HE?

FOR HIM — AND FOR ME AS WELL... THIS IS AN IMPORT-ANT TEST.
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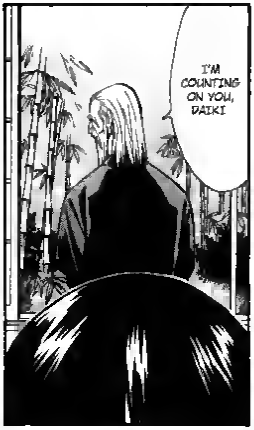
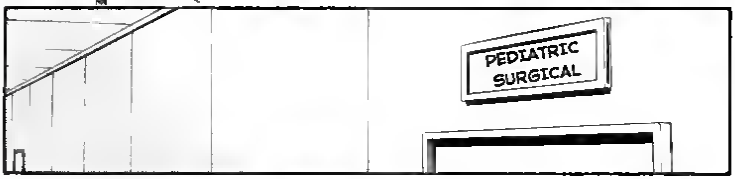

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, DAIKI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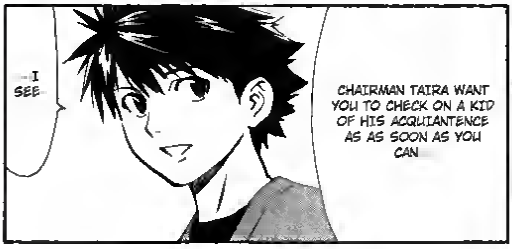
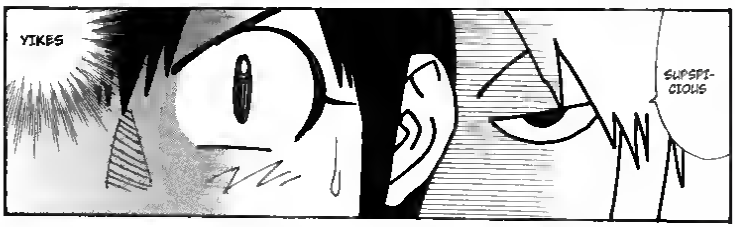
AND THAT'S HOW IT IS, DR SAIJOU

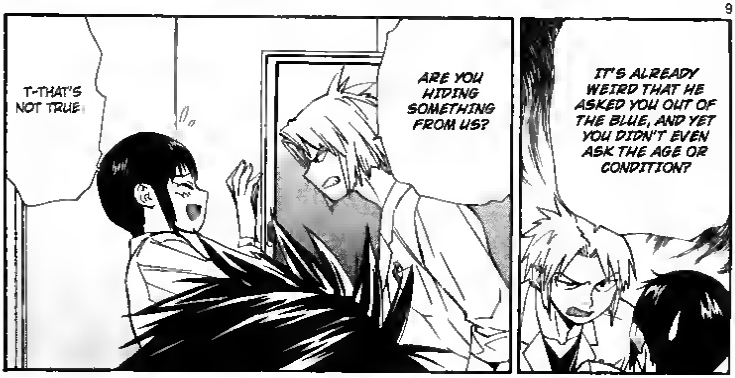

CHAIRMAN TAIRA WANT YOU TO CHECK ON A KID OF HIS ACQUIANTENCE AS AS SOON AS YOU CAN
—I SEE

I MET CHAIRMAN TAIRA COINCIDENTLY DOWN-STAIRS AND HE JUST ASKED ME TO TELL YOU
..WILL HE FIND OUT?
HEHE

I DON'T MIND, BUT HOW OLD IS THE PATIENT?

W-WELL I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT EITHER.
WHAT'S HIS CONDI-TION?


YIKES
SUSPI-CIOUS


T-THAT'S NOT TRUE.
ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING FROM US?
IT'S ALREADY WEIRD THAT HE ASKED YOU OUT OF THE BLUE, AND YET YOU DIDN'T EVEN ASK THE AGE OR CONDITION?

SOMEONE AS TIMID AS ME WOULD SURELY GETS NERVOUS TALKING TO CHAIRMAN TAIRA...
ABOUT HOW HONOR STUDENTS LIKE HIM ALWAYS HAVE SOME DIRTY SECRETS
I'M NOT ON DR. SAIJOU'S LEVEL BUT AMONG THE NEWCOMERS...
HMPH. HOW PUSHY
JUST LIKE LAST TIME HE SUSPECTED ME, THIS GUY'S STRANGELY SHARP THAT HE'S HARD TO HANDLE.
N-NO, YOU SEE...

UKH
SFX. STAREEEEEE~~~

TSK
DON'T YOU SEE SHIRANUI'S BOTHERED BY THAT?
SENA, NICE FOLLOW!
SFX. STAREEEEE~
HEY, DR AYAME STOP THAT!
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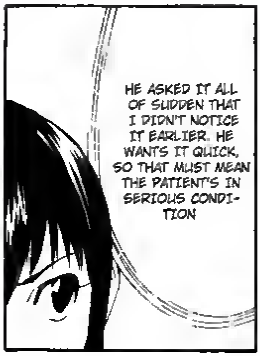
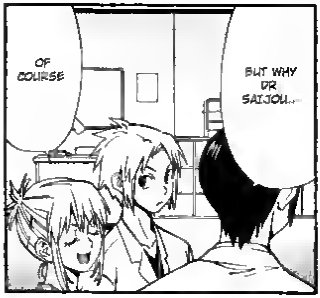
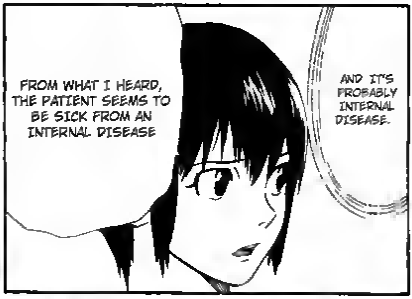
THEN, SHIRANUI SHOULD WE HEAD TO DR SANO'S HOSPITAL AFTER WORK?


HE ASKED IT ALL OF SUDDEN THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE IT EARLIER. HE WANTS IT QUICK, SO THAT MUST MEAN THE PATIENT'S IN SERIOUS CONDITION

I GUESS SO.
IF HE WANTS ME TO HAVE A QUICK CHECK, IT MUST BE SERIOUS
THAT'S RIGHT


OF COURSE
BUT WHY DR SAIJOU..


FROM WHAT I HEARD, THE PATIENT SEEMS TO BE SICK FROM AN INTERNAL DISEASE
AND IT'S PROBABLY INTERNAL DISEASE.

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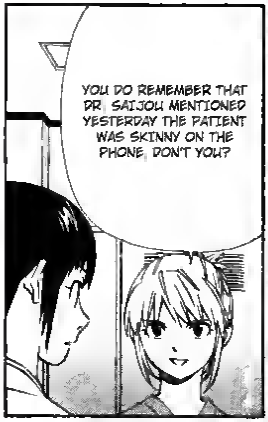
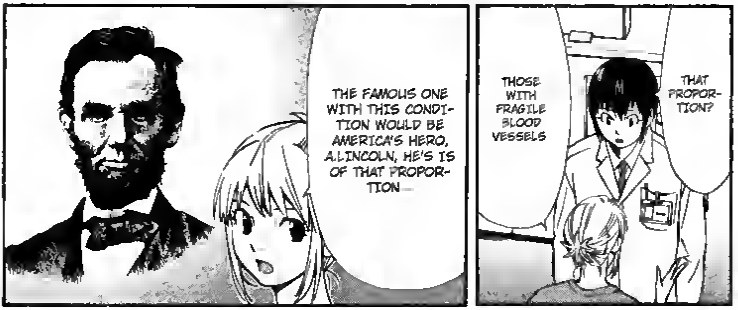

YOU DO REMEMBER THAT DR. SAIJOU MENTIONED YESTERDAY THE PATIENT WAS SKINNY ON THE PHONE, DON'T YOU?

DR. SAIJOU'S ALSO ADEPT IN INTERNAL COURSE.

ACTUALLY, HE DIDN'T HEAR IT FROM THE NURSE. BUT HE JUST DETERMINED HIM TO BE OF THAT PROPORTION.
AH, NOW THAT SHE MENTIONED IT...
BESIDES, THE KID'S RATHER SKINNY, RIGHT?
Y-YES...
NO...?
HOW DID HE KNOW...?
DID HE HEAR IT FROM THE NURSE?
ANYWAY FOR NOW, LET'S DO IT IN A WAY ANYONE CAN DO.


THE FAMOUS ONE WITH THIS CONDITION WOULD BE AMERICA'S HERO, A.LINCOLN, HE'S IS OF THAT PROPORTION—
THOSE WITH FRAGILE BLOOD VESSELS
THAT PROPORTION?

HE WAS ONLY BRIEFED OVER THE PHONE AND CONCLUDED THE PATIENT'S PROPORTION. .
SUCH PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO HAVE LONGER LIMBS AND SKINNIER THAN NORMAL PEOPLE
.....

I JUST HAPPEN TO KNOW SUCH THINGS.
HOLD IT THERE, SENA.
エッヘン
AND THAT'S THE MAN WITH DIVINE EYES AND HANDS, SAIJOU MIKOTO
HEEE
I'M SORRY
I'M NO GOD. SO DON'T SPEAK WITH SUCH ADMIRATION.
. DR SAIJOU'S TRULY INCREDIBLE
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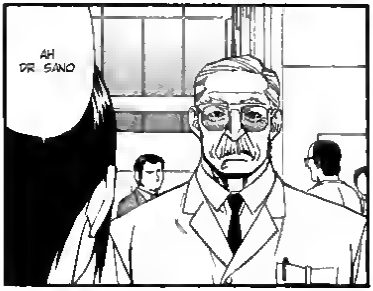
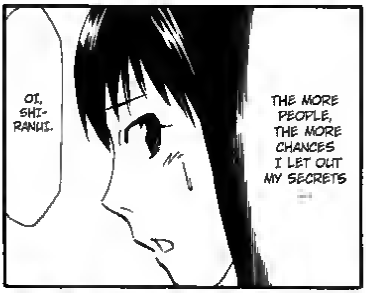
I DON'T KNOW WHAT CHAIRMAN TAIRA WANTS TO TEST ON HIM.
BUT I BELIEVE DR SAIJOU WILL SURELY CLEAR EVERY-THING BEFORE HIM.
HE EVEN REMINDS OTHERS NOT TO OVERLY ADMIRE HIM.

OKAY
GOT THAT
LET'S GO TO DR. SANO'S HOSPITAL TOGETHER
THEN, DR - SAIJOU. LET'S MEET UP THIS EVENING IN FRONT OF HOSPITAL.
JIJI MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
YEP.
HEEE... SO THAT JAPAN'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT, DR SANO'S FATHER IS A FAMOUS PERSON IN JIJI MEDICAL COLLEGE?
HE'S THE PRESIDENT OF JAPAN'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS THE TOP PERSON IN THIS HOSPITAL
HE'S NOT AROUND MUCH, THOUGH

N-NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT BUT...
IS THAT NOT GOOD?
THIS IS TROUBLEMA-TIC...

EH?
WELL, IT'S FOR LEARN-ING
BUT THEN WHY ARE YOU COMING ALONG AS WELL, SENA?


AH DR SANO


OI, SHI-RANUI.
THE MORE PEOPLE, THE MORE CHANCES I LET OUT MY SECRETS

Y-YES
ANYWAY, YOU COME WITH ME A BIT BY YOURSELF

IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
NO NEED FOR GREET-INGS.

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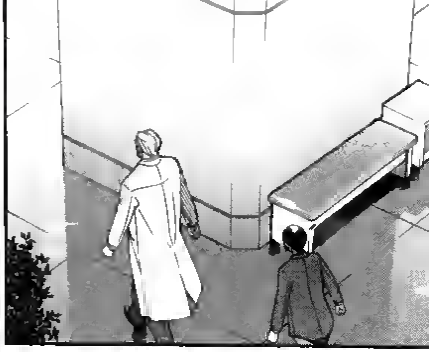
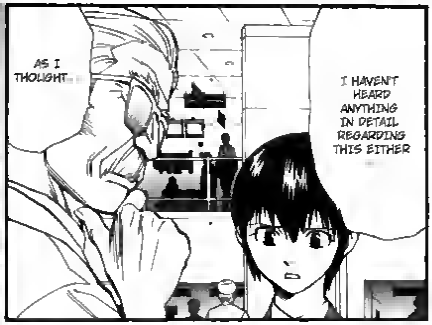
WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK. THE TWO OF YOU PLEASE WAIT AT THE LOBBY.

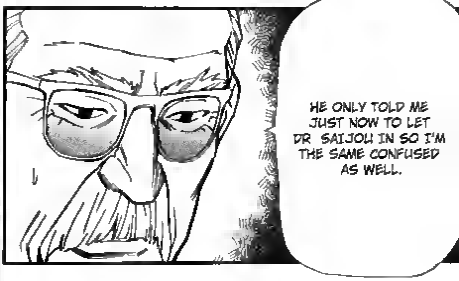
WHY MUST DR. SAIJOU CHECK ON THAT KID?
EVEN IF YOU ASK ME...



STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH
IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG?

DAMN TAIRA. WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO BY ASKING DR. SAIJOU TO CHECK ON HIS FORMER FIANCEE'S GRANDCHILD?
EH?!


AS I THOUGHT...
I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING IN DETAIL REGARDING THIS EITHER


HE ONLY TOLD ME JUST NOW TO LET DR. SAIJOU IN SO I'M THE SAME CONFUSED AS WELL.

AFTER THAT, SHE WAS BLESSED WITH HAPPINESS AND GOT HER FIRST GRAND-CHILD RECENTLY.
VARIOUS THINGS HAPPENED, AND TAIRA CALLED OFF THE ENGAGEMENT HIMSELF...
SO YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT AS WELL
THE ACQUAINTANCE HE WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS HIS FORMER FIANCEE?
WELL, I HOPE SO
SO CHAIRMAN TAIRA WANTED TO SAVE THAT GRANDCHILD THAT HE ASKED DR SAIJOH...
I SEE
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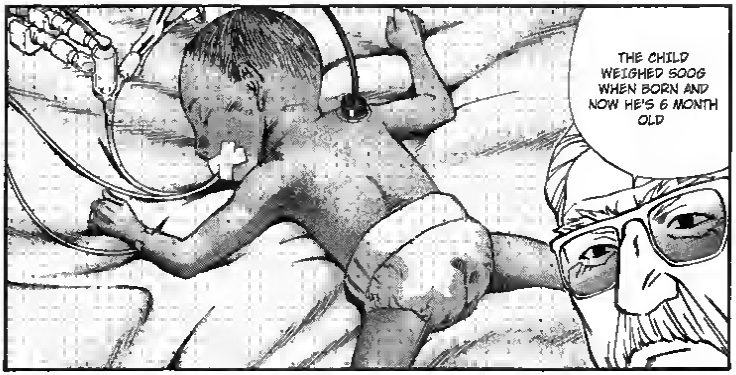
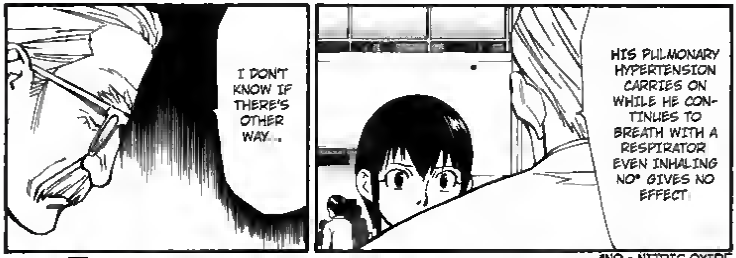
THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING
THERE'S EVEN THINGS IMPOSSI-BLE FOR YOU?
THIS IS BETWEEN US, BUT I THINK THAT CHILD CAN'T BE SAVED
!?




I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S OTHER WAY...
HIS PULMONARY HYPERTENSION CARRIES ON WHILE HE CONTINUES TO BREATH WITH A RESPIRATOR EVEN INHALING NO* GIVES NO EFFECT

*NO = NITRIC OXIDE

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YOU'LL NEED DIVINE TECHNIQUES TO SAVE HIM FROM THIS CONDITION.
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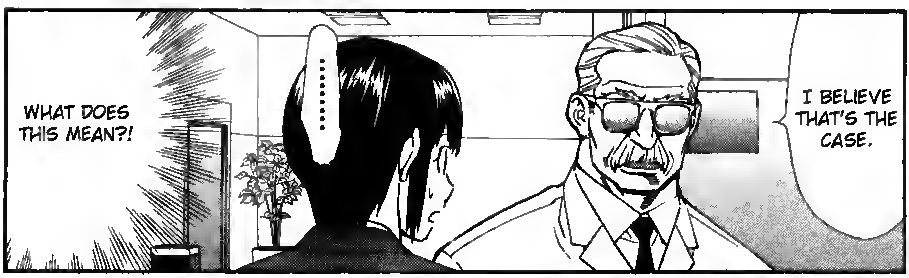
DESPERATELY

BY THAT, DO YOU MEAN THAT CHAIRMAN TAIRA GAVE AN INCURABLE PATIENT TO DR. SAIJOU?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...


WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?!
.....
I BELIEVE THAT'S THE CASE.

RING
RING

WAIT, I'LL CALL CHAIRMAN TAIRA.

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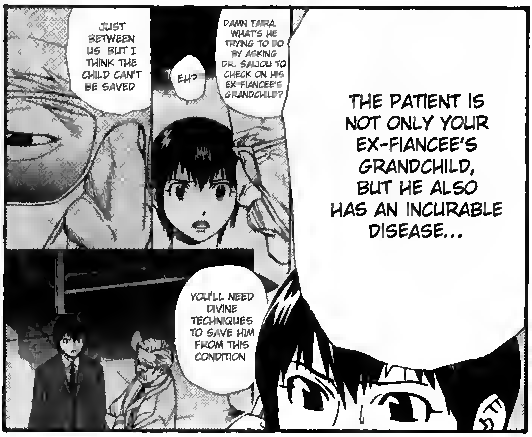
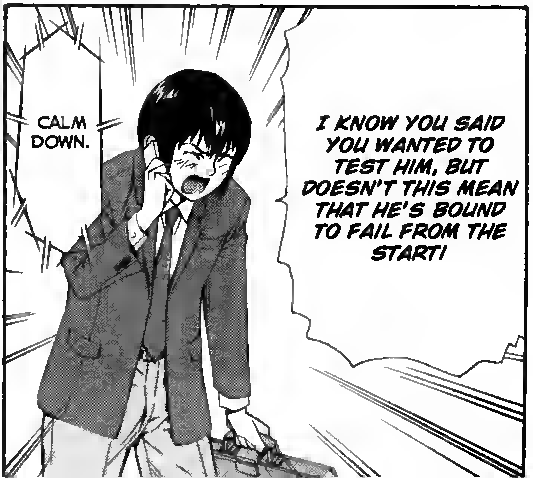
DAIKI.
BEEP

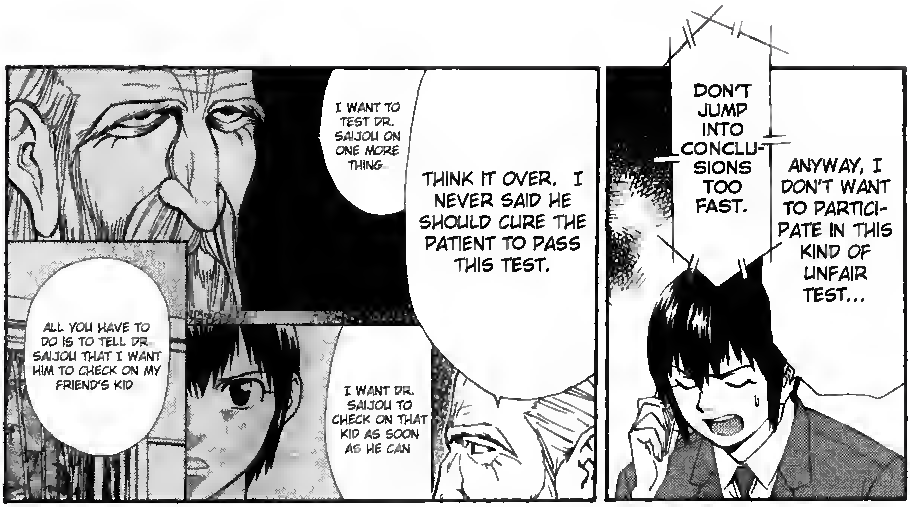
PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS TO ME!

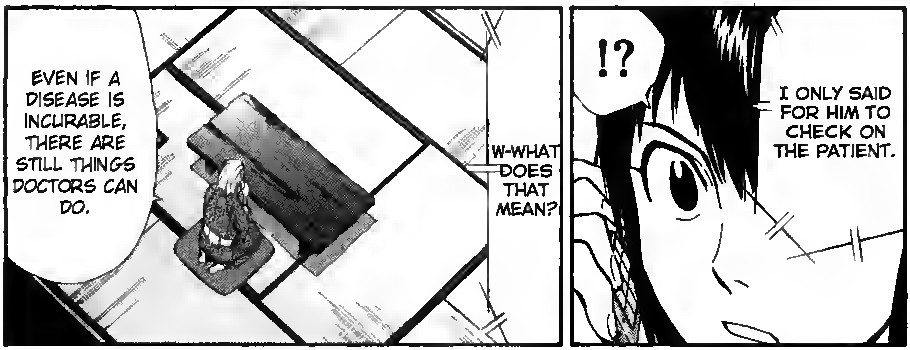
STOP JOKING AROUND!
IT'S ABOUT TIME I'VE THOUGHT YOU'D GIVE ME A CALL.


JUST BETWEEN US BUT I THINK THE CHILD CAN'T BE SAVED
EH?
DAMN TARA, WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO BY ASKING DR. SAIJOU TO CHECK ON HIS EX-FIANCEE'S GRANDCHILD?
YOU'LL NEED DIVINE TECHNIQUES TO SAVE HIM FROM THIS CONDITION
THE PATIENT IS NOT ONLY YOUR EX-FIANCEE'S GRANDCHILD, BUT HE ALSO HAS AN INCURABLE DISEASE...

I CAN RELATE TO YOUR REACTION, BUT I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO TELL HIM THE SITUATION.
ANYONE WOULD REACT LIKE THIS!!


CALM DOWN.
I KNOW YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TEST HIM, BUT DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT HE'S BOUND TO FAIL FROM THE START!


I WANT TO TEST DR. SAIJOU ON ONE MORE THING...
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO TELL DR. SAIJOU THAT I WANT HIM TO CHECK ON MY FRIEND'S KID
THINK IT OVER. I NEVER SAID HE SHOULD CURE THE PATIENT TO PASS THIS TEST.
I WANT DR. SAIJOU TO CHECK ON THAT KID AS SOON AS HE CAN
DON'T JUMP INTO CONCLUSIONS TOO FAST.
ANYWAY, I DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS KIND OF UNFAIR TEST...


EVEN IF A DISEASE IS INCURABLE, THERE ARE STILL THINGS DOCTORS CAN DO.
W-WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
!?
I ONLY SAID FOR HIM TO CHECK ON THE PATIENT.

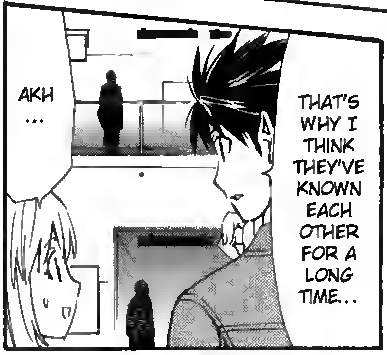
THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY DISEASES HE CAN'T CURE.
EVEN FOR SOMEONE AS CAPABLE AS DR. SAIJOU ...
COMPARED TO SURGERY, THE INTERNAL MEDICINE HAS MORE CASES OF INCURABLE DISEASES.
.....!
DON'T YOU THINK SO?

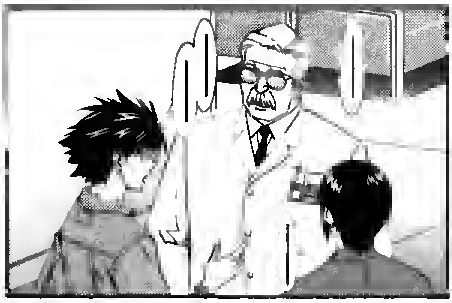
IN THAT SITUATION, WHAT CAN HE DO FOR THE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES...
I WANT TO MAKE SURE BEFORE I APPOINT HIM AS THE "BEST DOCTOR".
...YEAH...
SHIRANUI SURE IS SLOW.
THOSE TWO SEEM TO HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER... PERHAPS THEY'RE HAVING SOME SPECIAL CONVERSATIONS.
EEEKKH ?!

DIDN'T SHIRANUI GREET HIM WITH "IT'S BEEN A WHILE"?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
NO NEED FOR GREETINGS

SHIRANUI IS AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF JAPAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION?!
BECAUSE YOU SEE.

Told you it's nothing special.
H-HEY...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, DR. SAIJOU.
AS EXPECTED FROM DR. SAIJOU! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE OBSERVATION!


AKH...
THAT'S WHY I THINK THEY'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME...



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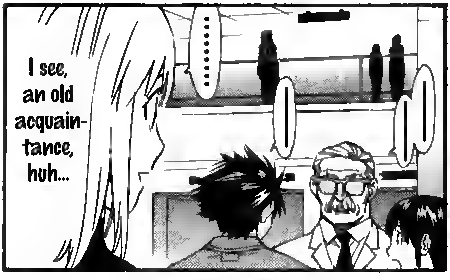
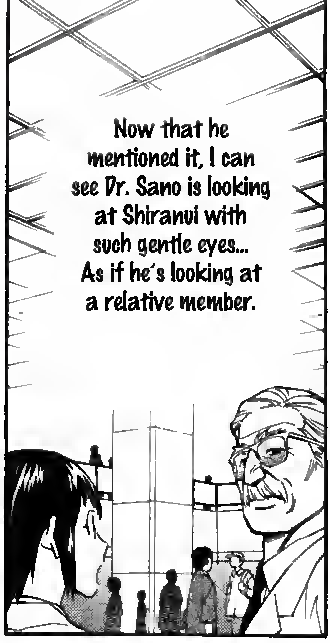

I see, an old acquaintance, huh...

SORRY.
MY CONVERSATION WITH DR. SANO DRAGGED A BIT...
NO PROBLEM.

THE OTHER DAY SHIRANUI ALSO SAID SOMETHING ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES...
I'M SO ENVIOUS, I WANT TO FINISH MY DUTIES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT AND TRANSFER TO THE PEDIATRIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT QUICKLY...


Now that he mentioned it, I can see Dr. Sano is looking at Shiranui with such gentle eyes... As if he's looking at a relative member.

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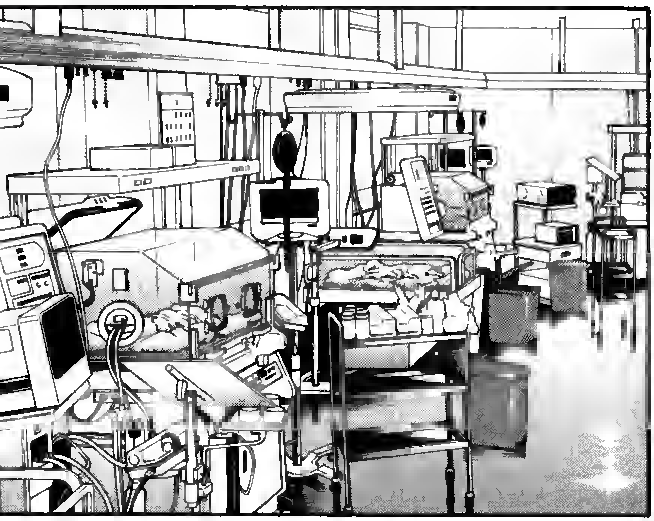
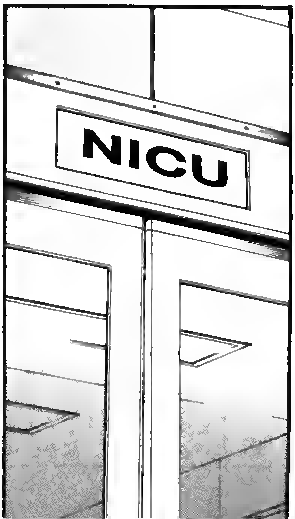
Can't he do something about that when he's so close with someone as great as this...?

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HE WEIGHED 500G AT BIRTH. NOW HE'S 6 MONTHS OLD WEIGHING 2100G.

...SO, IT PAINS ME A BIT, BUT LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE PATIENT.

AH, UHMN DR. SAIJOU.

I SEE...

DUE TO HIS PULMONARY HYPERTENSION, HE'S BEEN INFUSED WITH NO WITH NO IMPROVEMENT.

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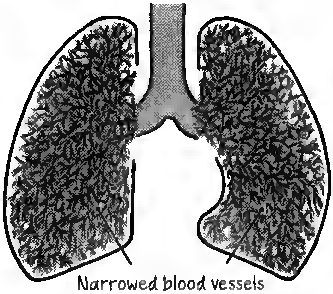
PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

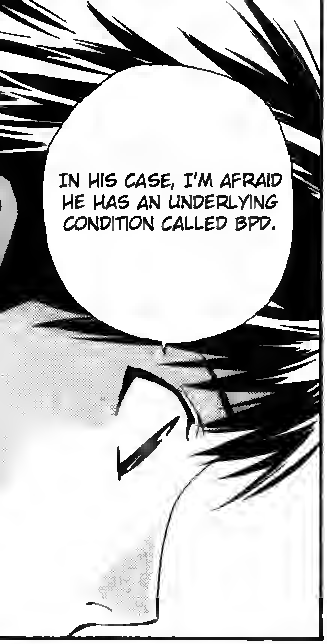


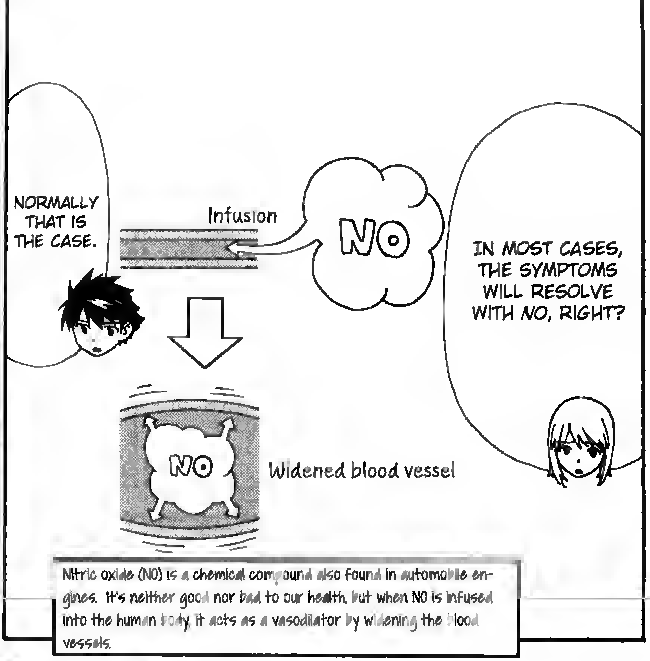
Narrowed blood vessels

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION IS AN INCREASE IN BLOOD PRESSURE IN WHICH THE ARTERIES CARRYING BLOOD FROM THE HEART TO THE LUNGS BECOME NARROWED.

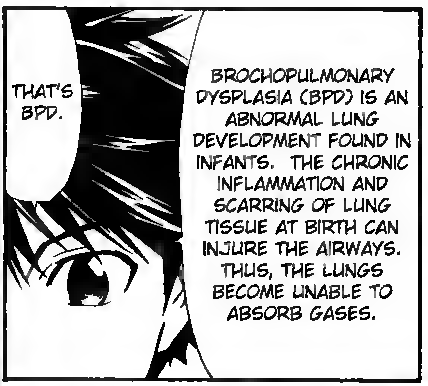
As shown above there are many small arteries in the lungs. In this patient the arteries become narrowed. When blood flows from the heart to the lungs through the narrowed arteries it raises the blood pressure in the lungs. This is known as pulmonary hypertension.

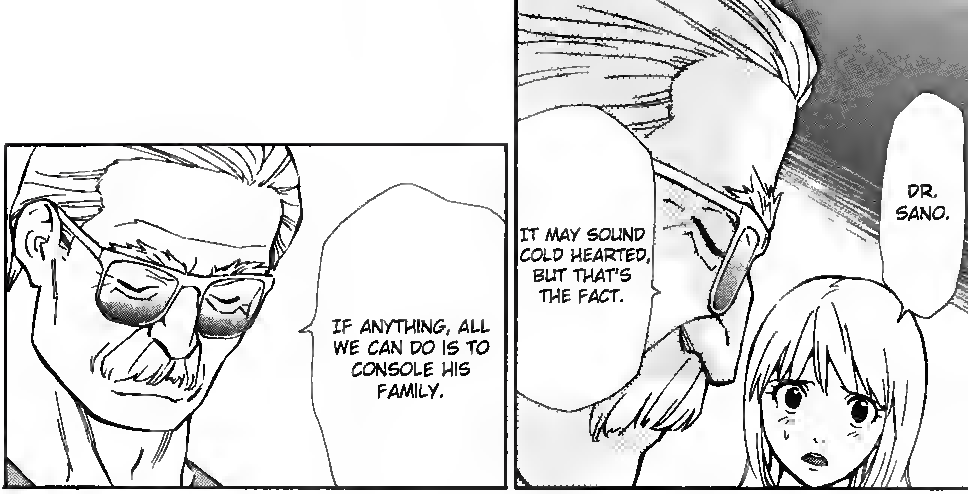
WHY NO IS NOT EFFECTIVE HERE?

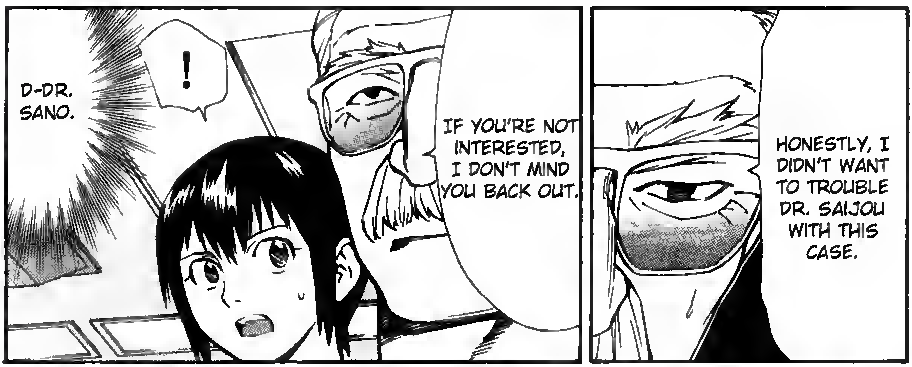




Nitric oxide (NO) is a chemical compound also found in automobile engines. It's neither good nor bad to our health, but when NO is infused into the human body it acts as a vasodilator by widening the blood vessels.


THAT'S BPD.
BROCHOPULMONARY DYSPLASIA (BPD) IS AN ABNORMAL LUNG DEVELOPMENT FOUND IN INFANTS. THE CHRONIC INFLAMMATION AND SCARRING OF LUNG TISSUE AT BIRTH CAN INJURE THE AIRWAYS. THUS, THE LUNGS BECOME UNABLE TO ABSORB GASES.
BPD?


DR. SANO.
IT MAY SOUND COLD HEARTED, BUT THAT'S THE FACT.
IF ANYTHING, ALL WE CAN DO IS TO CONSOLE HIS FAMILY.

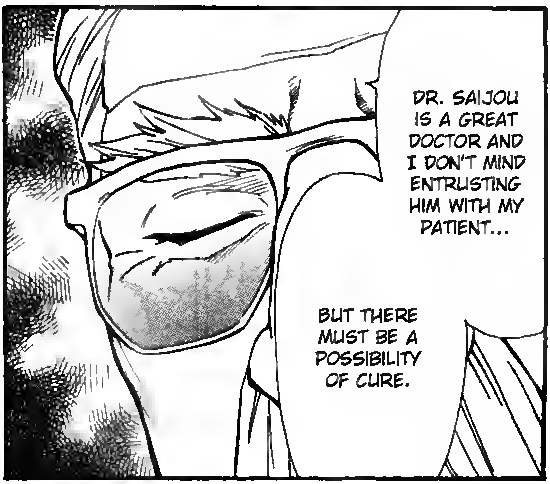

HONESTLY, I DIDN'T WANT TO TROUBLE DR. SAIJOU WITH THIS CASE.
IF YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED, I DON'T MIND YOU BACK OUT.
!
D-DR. SANO.

...I GET IT.
PLEASE LET ME THINK ABOUT IT.
SURE.
.....

W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, DR. SANO?
HEY, ARE YOU FINE WITH THIS, DR. SANO?

I DON'T CARE WHAT TAIRA SAID.
DIDN'T CHAIRMAN TAIRA...

I CAN'T HAND OVER AN INCURABLE PATIENT TO ANYONE NO MATTER WHO IT IS.


DR. SAIJOU IS A GREAT DOCTOR AND I DON'T MIND ENTRUSTING HIM WITH MY PATIENT...
BUT THERE MUST BE A POSSIBILITY OF CURE.

B-BUT...
AW, DAMN.
YOU CAN BLAME IT ON ME, JUST TELL THAT TO TAIRA!
DR. SANO.
I KNOW DR. SANO IS PROBABLY RIGHT... BUT CHAIRMAN TAIRA WON'T BE SATISFIED WITH THAT...

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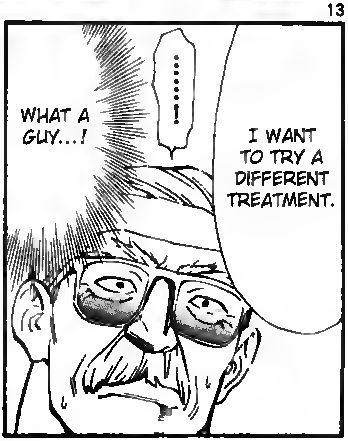
SO... THIS PATIENT.
I SEE.
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

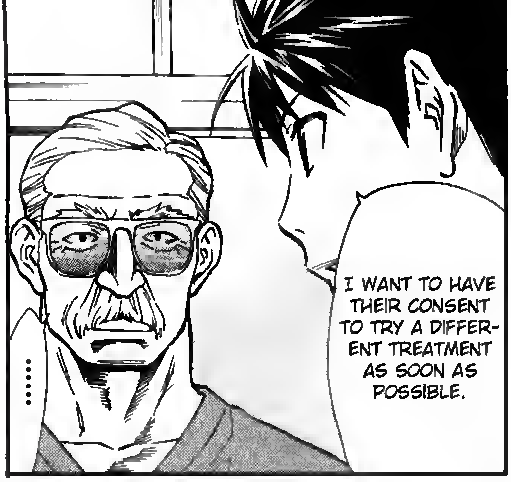
!?
PLEASE LET ME IN CHARGE OF HIM.

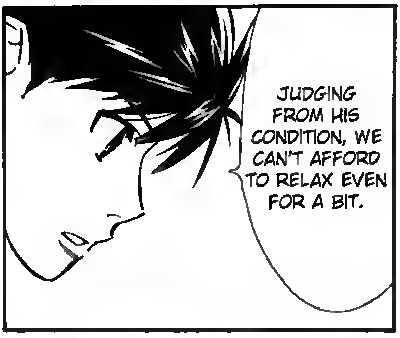
WE CAN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING RIGHT NOW, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE'VE TRIED ALL POSSIBILITIES EXISTED.

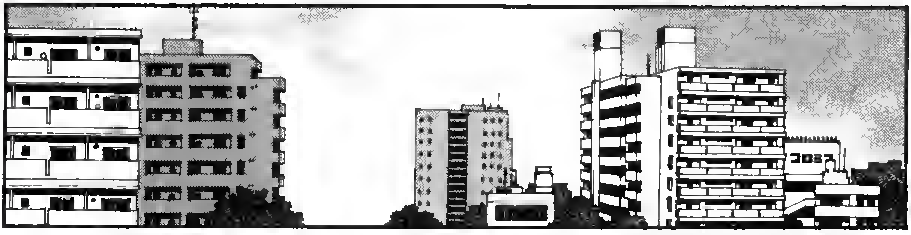
A-ARE YOU INSANE?
THE PATIENT IS COMPLETELY HELPLESS, YOU KNOW?
YOU'RE RIGHT.

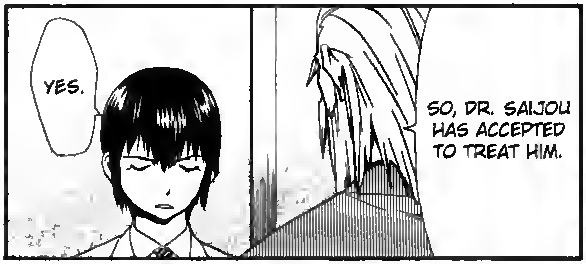
IF YOU DON'T MIND... PLEASE TELL ME HIS FAMILY'S CONTACT NUMBER.
JUST NOW HE WASN'T THINKING WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT THE PATIENT, BUT HE WAS THINKING HOW TO TREAT HIM!


WHAT A GUY...!
.....!
I WANT TO TRY A DIFFERENT TREATMENT.


I WANT TO HAVE THEIR CONSENT TO TRY A DIFFERENT TREATMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.


JUDGING FROM HIS CONDITION, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO RELAX EVEN FOR A BIT.




YES.
SO, DR. SAIJOU HAS ACCEPTED TO TREAT HIM.

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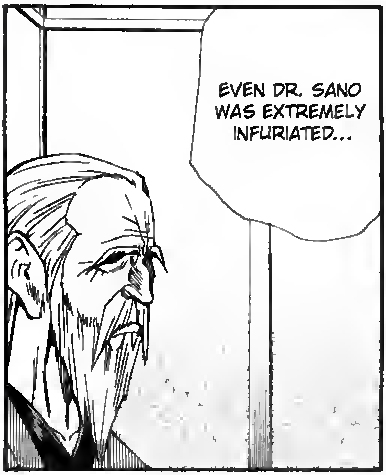
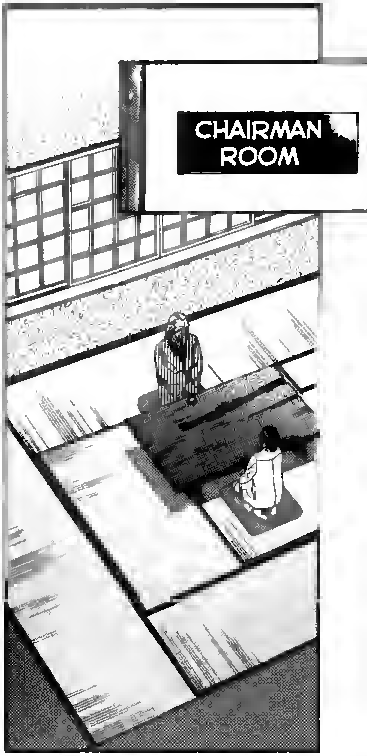
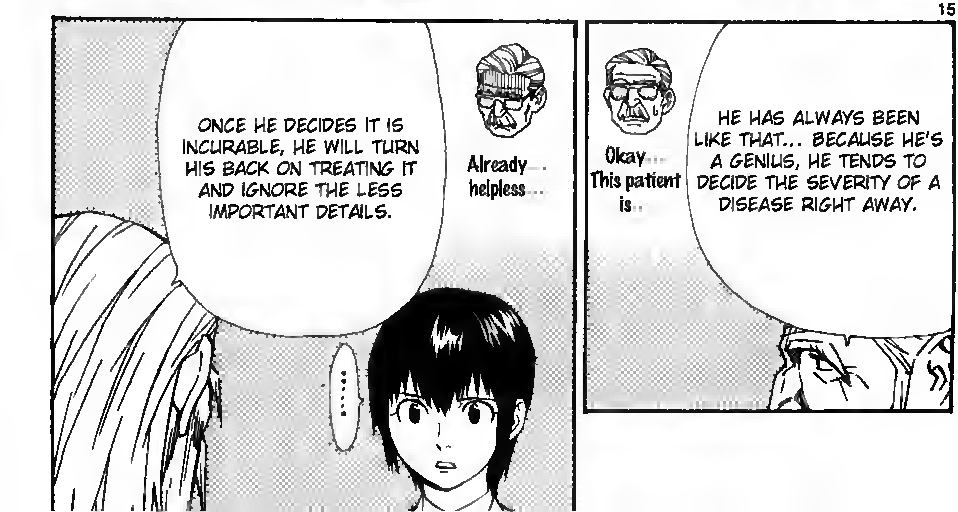

EVEN DR. SANO WAS EXTREMELY INFURIATED...

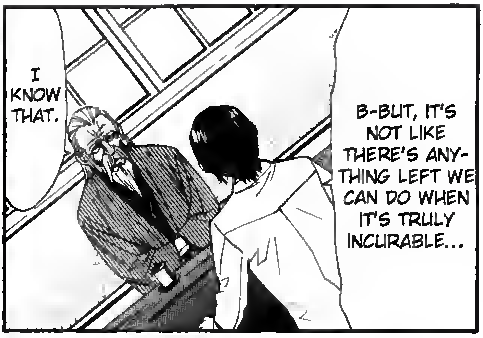
BUT CHAIRMAN, THIS TIME I FEEL LIKE HE'S FORCING TOO MUCH ON HIMSELF.

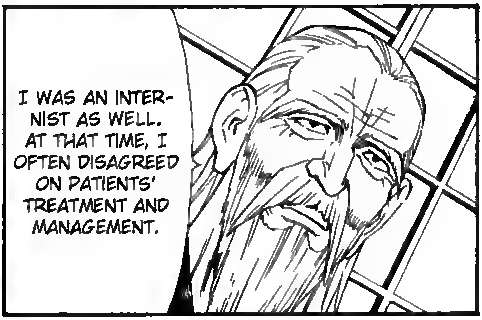

CHAIRMAN ROOM

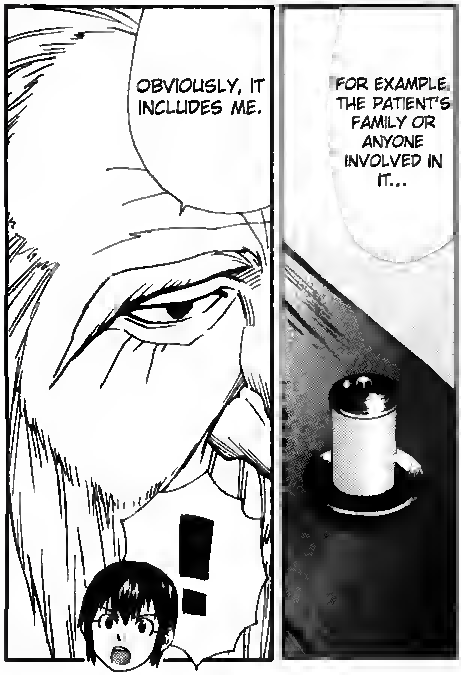
BUT,
TO BE HONEST, SANO GETS ON MY NERVES AS WELL.
INDEED.
IT'S ONLY NORMAL TO GET ANGRY, THOUGH.
To the extent of going so far.
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING UPSET OVER IT?
IT'S SANO'S BEHAVIOR TOWARDS HIS PATIENTS
P-PAY BACK, HUH...
I GUESS I SHOULD SAY THIS IS MY PAY BACK AT HIM.


ONCE HE DECIDES IT IS INCURABLE, HE WILL TURN HIS BACK ON TREATING IT AND IGNORE THE LESS IMPORTANT DETAILS.
Already... helpless...
.....
Okay... This patient is..
HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT... BECAUSE HE'S A GENIUS, HE TENDS TO DECIDE THE SEVERITY OF A DISEASE RIGHT AWAY.

HOWEVER, THERE WAS NEVER A TIME I COULD SAVE ANY PATIENTS THAT HE DEEMED TO BE HELPLESS NO MATTER WHAT I DID.


I KNOW THAT.
B-BUT, IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANY-THING LEFT WE CAN DO WHEN IT'S TRULY INCURABLE...


I WAS AN INTER-NIST AS WELL. AT THAT TIME, I OFTEN DISAGREED ON PATIENTS' TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT.


OBVIOUSLY, IT INCLUDES ME.
FOR EXAMPLE, THE PATIENT'S FAMILY OR ANYONE INVOLVED IN IT...

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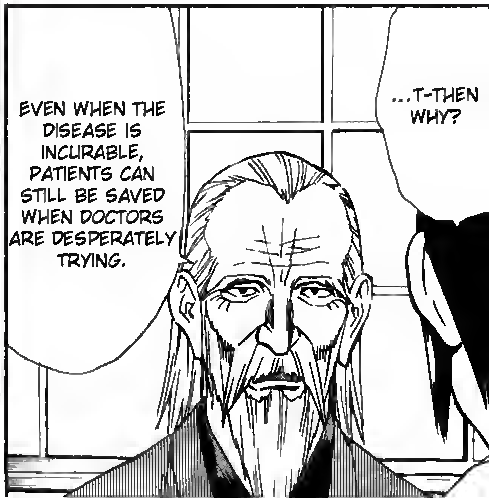
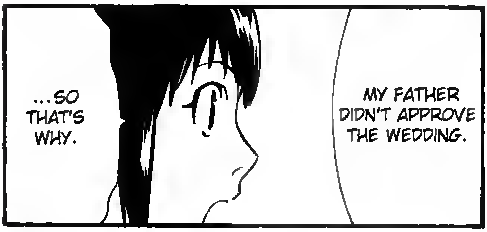
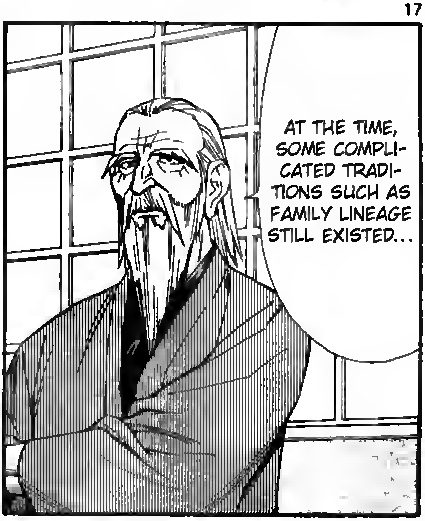
I BELIEVE THIS TIME IS ALSO THE SAME.

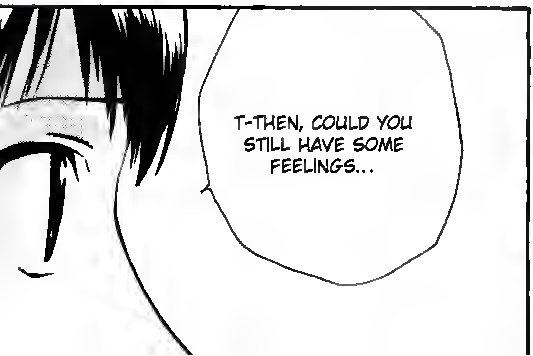

EVEN WHEN THE DISEASE IS INCURABLE, PATIENTS CAN STILL BE SAVED WHEN DOCTORS ARE DESPERATELY TRYING.
...T-THEN WHY?

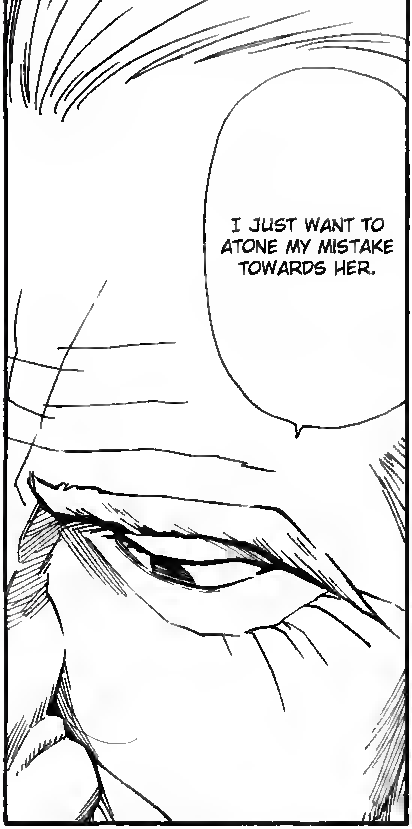
...I HEARD YOU CALLED OFF THE ENGAGEMENT FOR SOME REASONS...
WELL, THERE INDEED WERE SOME REASONS.
CH-CHAIRMAN TAIRA...
Y-YES
DAIKI, HAVE YOU HEARD THAT THE PATIENT IS MY EX-FIANCEE'S GRANDCHILD?

THINKING BACK, IT WAS SUCH A SILLY THING.

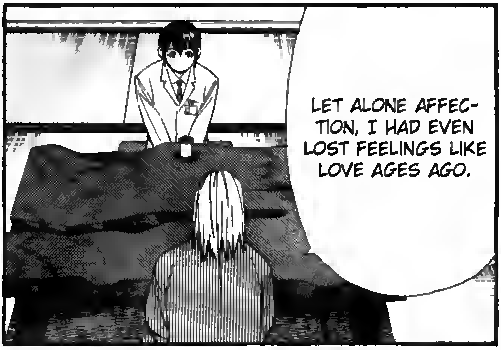

...SO THAT'S WHY.
MY FATHER DIDN'T APPROVE THE WEDDING.

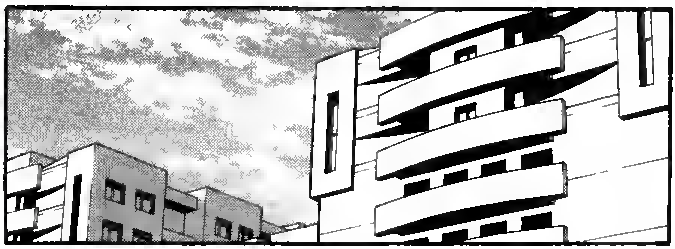

AT THE TIME, SOME COMPLICATED TRADITIONS SUCH AS FAMILY LINEAGE STILL EXISTED...


T-THEN, COULD YOU STILL HAVE SOME FEELINGS...


I JUST WANT TO ATONE MY MISTAKE TOWARDS HER.

HMPH, HOW OLD DO YOU THINK I AM?.


LET ALONE AFFECTION, I HAD EVEN LOST FEELINGS LIKE LOVE AGES AGO.



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SIGH
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NO MATTER WHAT REASON IT WAS, I MADE HER GONE THROUGH SOME HARDSHIPS.
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After I heard Chairman Taira's reason, I could relate to his sadness as well...
I think Dr. Sano is right to be angry but...
...Somehow, I feel the more I hear it, the more I'm confused...
Even so, practically what can he do?
But...
I guess as a friend Chairman Taira just wanted Dr. Sano to try desperately.
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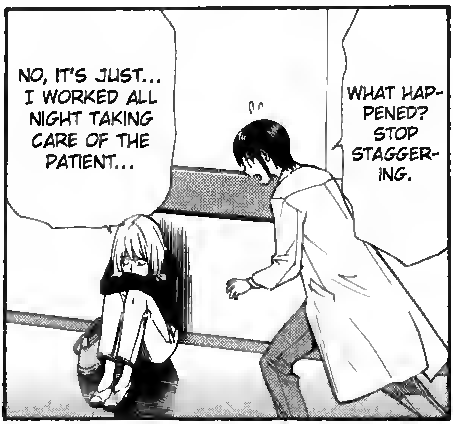
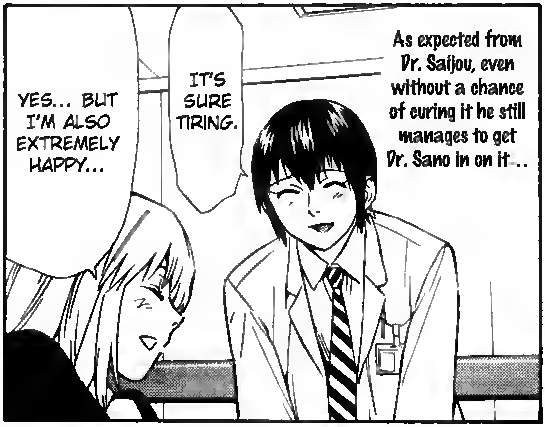
Dr. Saijou said he wanted to try all possibilities existed... But if the lungs lost the ability to absorb NO, there's nothing more that can be done...
BUMP
S-SENA?!
I...I'M SPENT.

I see now. So this is what it means to try desperately.
I-I SEE.
I got back on myself.
DR. SAIJOU AND DR. SANO ARE STILL AT IT.


NO, IT'S JUST... I WORKED ALL NIGHT TAKING CARE OF THE PATIENT...
WHAT HAPPENED? STOP STAGGERING.

THANKS TO THAT, HE'S IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY.


YES... BUT I'M ALSO EXTREMELY HAPPY...
IT'S SURE TIRING.
As expected from Dr. Saijou, even without a chance of curing it he still manages to get Dr. Sano in on it...

WH-WHAT DID SHE SAY?!
IT SEEMS THAT HE'LL BE HEALTHY SOON.

ANYONE! PLEASE! SIGN YOURSELF UP AND SAVE US!!
IF ONLY MORE STAFFS APPLIED IN, THAT'LL BE MUCH HELP FOR US.
HE SNAPPED BECAUSE OF HIS WORKLOAD.

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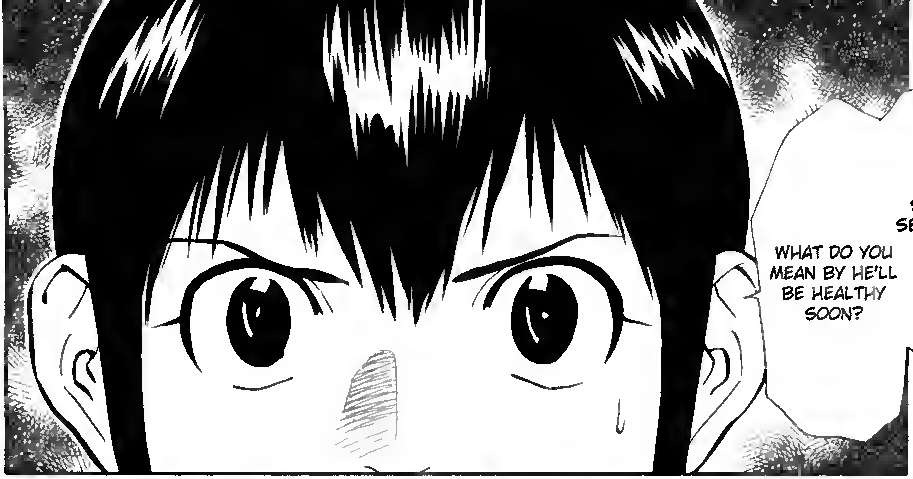
CHAPTER 47:
TAIRA'S DOUBT


S-SENA,
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY HE'LL BE HEALTHY SOON?

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THE HECK, SHE'S SOUNDLY ASLEEP.

Z...
I THOUGHT THERE WEREN'T ANY CHANCE OF CURING THAT PATIENT...

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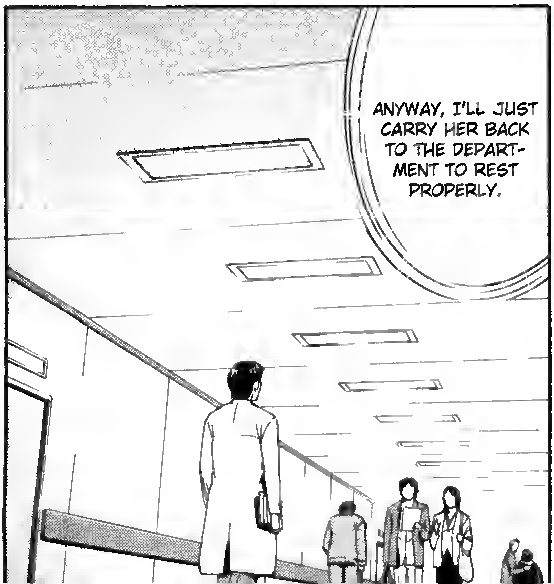
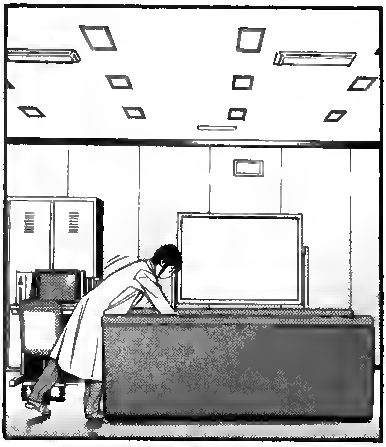
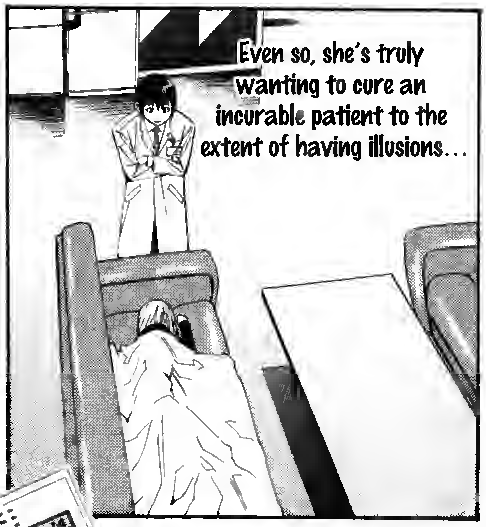

ANYWAY, I'LL JUST CARRY HER BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT TO REST PROPERLY.

WELL... I GUESS SHE'S HAVING ILLUSIONS FROM FATIGUE.

HEAVE HO.

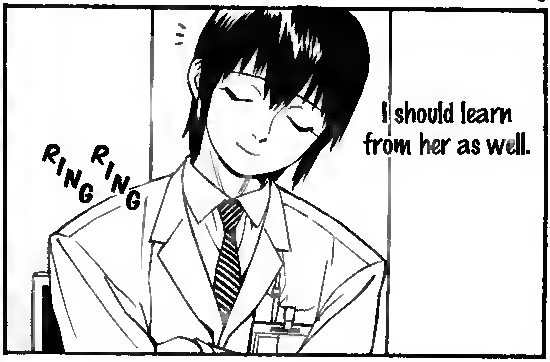



Even so, she's truly wanting to cure an incurable patient to the extent of having illusions...

But this girl sure is remarkable.

That must have been an illusion...

Sano Noriaki


RING RING
I should learn from her as well.

DR. SANO ...
YES, SHIRANUI SPEAKING.
IT'S ME.
ARE YOU FREE NOW?
Y-YES.
HAVE YOU MET SENA TODAY?
YES... A WHILE AGO.
I SENT HER BACK, BUT I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF FROM WORRYING BECAUSE SHE LOOKED TIRED.
HAHAHA. I SEE.
SHE LOOKED DEAD TIRED SO I LAID HER DOWN ON THE SOFA IN THE DEPARTMENT ROOM.
WELL, IT'S FINE THEN.
WELL, SHE'S TRULY SPENT TO HER CORE.

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ALTHOUGH IT WON'T BE SOON. IN A WEEK... NO, IN TEN DAYS...
HMPH, THAT IS INDEED OVER EXAGGERATING.
TO THE EXTENT OF SAYING THE PATIENT IS GOING TO BE HEALTHY SOON...
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THAT KID CAN TRULY BE RECOVERED.

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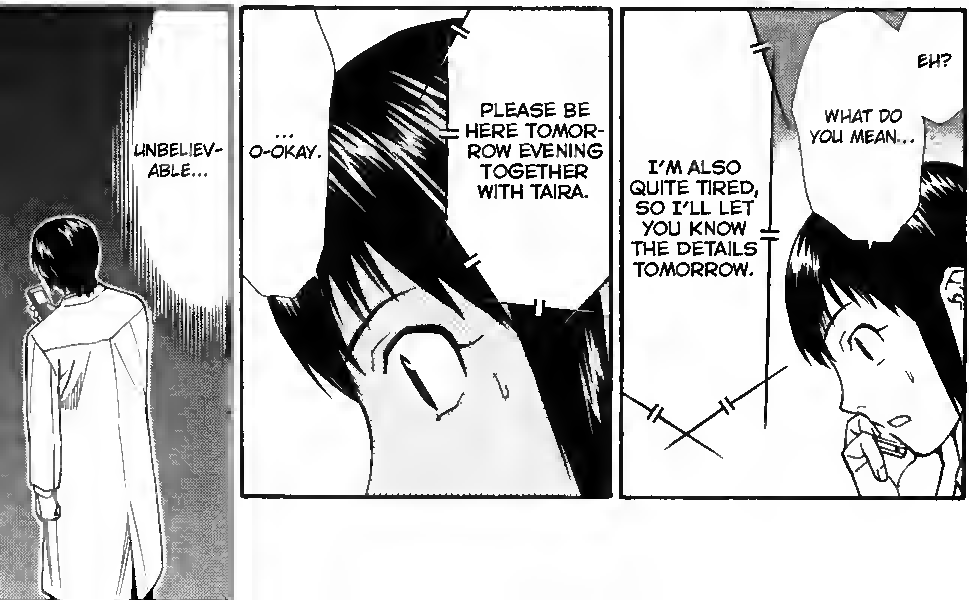
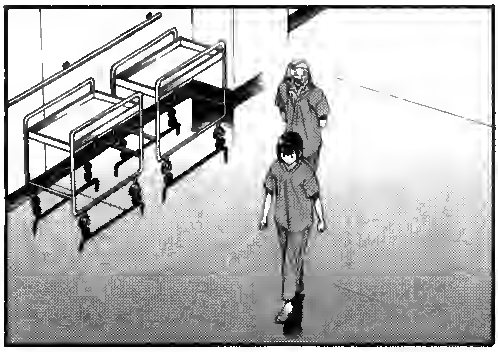

UNBELIEVABLE...
... O-OKAY.
PLEASE BE HERE TOMORROW EVENING TOGETHER WITH TAIRA.
I'M ALSO QUITE TIRED, SO I'LL LET YOU KNOW THE DETAILS TOMORROW.
EH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...

No matter how genius Dr. Saijou is, he shouldn't be able to cure something incurable...
JUST HOW... DID HE DO THAT...?!



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HMPH, WHAT A RUBBISH!
EVEN THOUGH THEY SAID THE KID FINALLY HAS A CHANCE TO BE CURED...
UHMN, CHAIRMAN TAIRA... WHY ARE YOU SO UPSET EVER SINCE A MOMENT AGO?
I DID SAY I WANTED HIM TO TRY DESPERATELY EVEN IF THE DISEASE IS INCURABLE...
...? THEN WHY?
EVEN WHEN THE DISEASE IS INCURABLE PATIENT'S CAN STILL BE SAVED WHEN DOCTORS ARE DESPERATELY TRYING
FOR EXAMPLE THE PATIENT'S FAMILY OR ANYONE INVOLVED IN IT...
OBVIOUSLY IT INCLUDES ME
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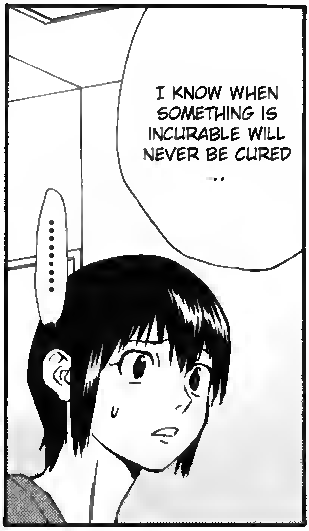
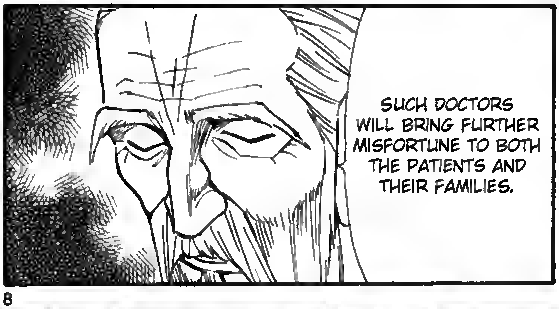
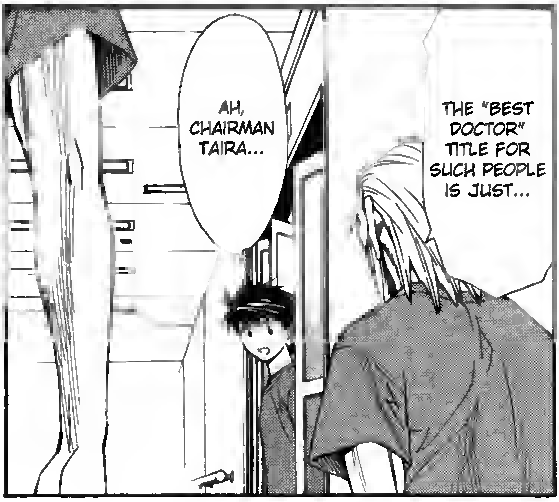
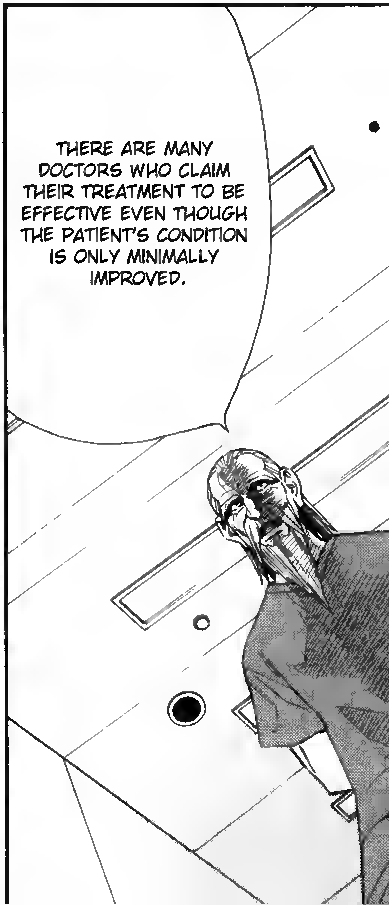
I MIGHT NOT BE AS GREAT AS SANO BUT I WAS ALSO AN INTERNIST.
WE DON'T KNOW THAT YET.
DAIKI.
L-LIE...
BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BE HAPPY WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO FOOL ME WITH SUCH A LIE!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

TO BE HONEST, I'M DISAPPOINTED IN DR. SAIJOU!
B-BUT...

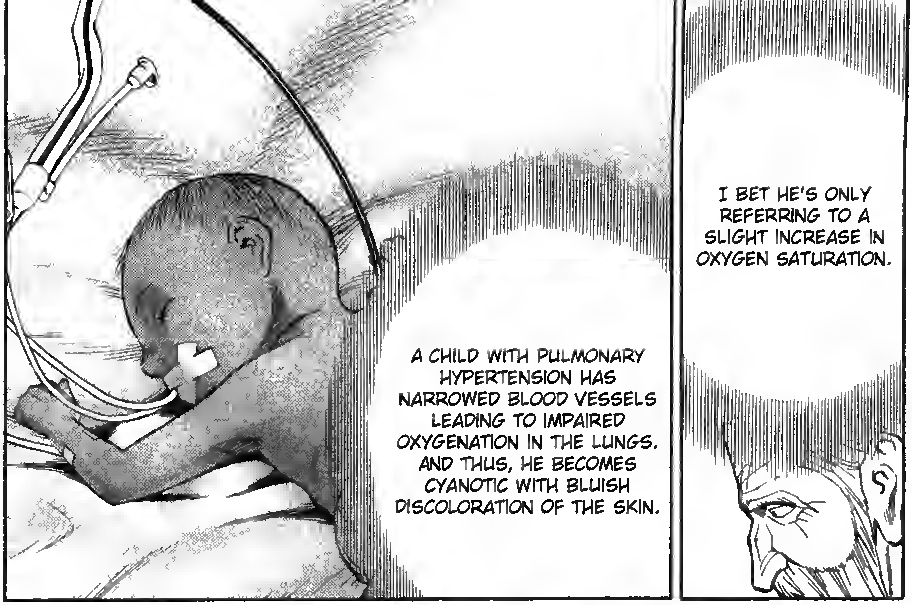

I KNOW WHEN SOMETHING IS INCURABLE WILL NEVER BE CURED ...


SUCH DOCTORS WILL BRING FURTHER MISFORTUNE TO BOTH THE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.


AH, CHAIRMAN TAIRA...
THE "BEST DOCTOR" TITLE FOR SUCH PEOPLE IS JUST...

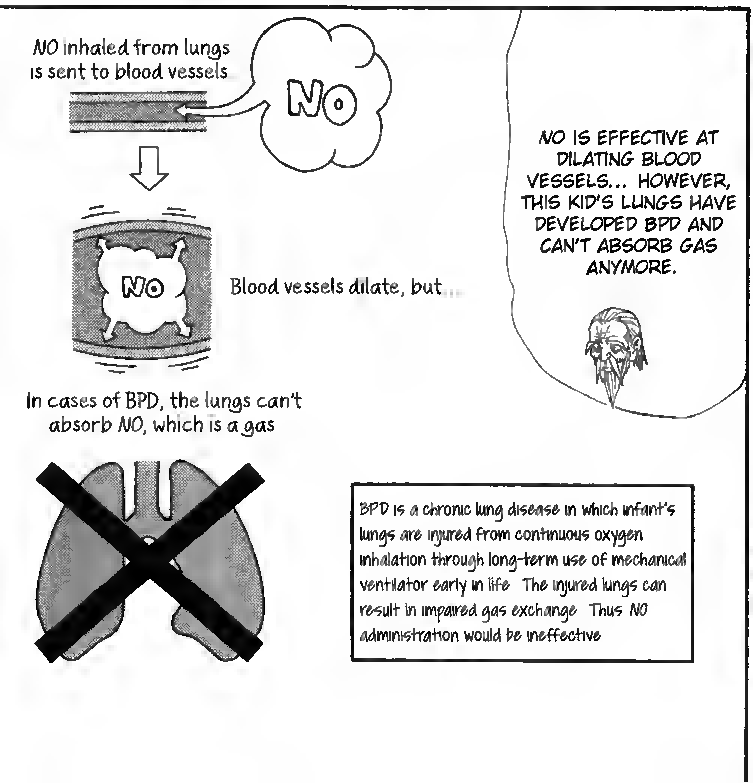

THERE ARE MANY DOCTORS WHO CLAIM THEIR TREATMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE EVEN THOUGH THE PATIENT'S CONDITION IS ONLY MINIMALLY IMPROVED.

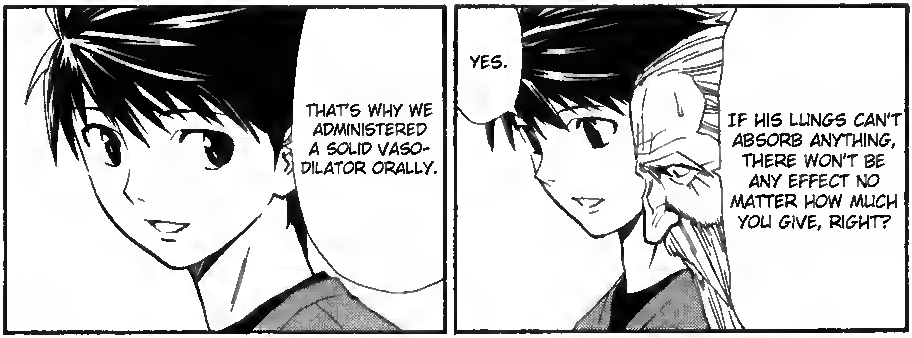
I SEE... SO THAT'S HOW HE'S GONNA PLAY THIS.
DR. SANO WILL BE HERE SHORTLY.
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
.....
?
THIS MAN... IS DISPLAYING SUCH A KIND-HEARTED FACE TO GET SANO ON HIS SIDE.
THERE, YOU CAN COME IN!
BUT I WON'T BE FOOLED SO EASILY...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO EDGY!
HMPH, HEALTHY YEAH RIGHT.
YOUR FRIEND'S KID IS GETTING HEALTHY NOW!

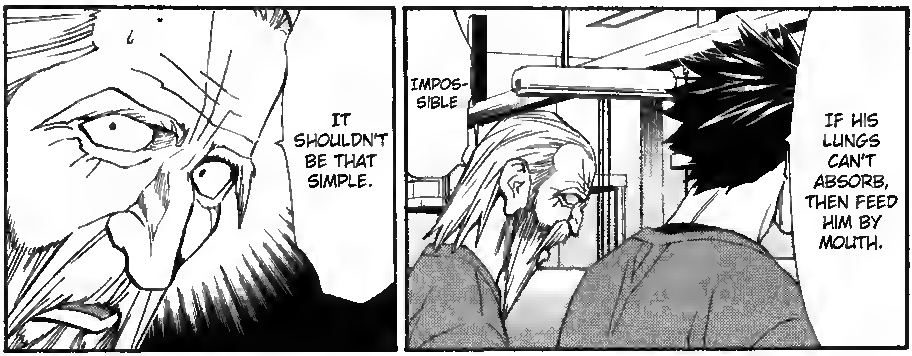

A CHILD WITH PULMONARY HYPERTENSION HAS NARROWED BLOOD VESSELS LEADING TO IMPAIRED OXYGENATION IN THE LUNGS. AND THUS, HE BECOMES CYANOTIC WITH BLUISH DISCOLORATION OF THE SKIN.
I BET HE'S ONLY REFERRING TO A SLIGHT INCREASE IN OXYGEN SATURATION.

WAIT, HE LOOKS PERFECTLY WELL!
I'M SURE HIS SKIN STILL REMAINS BLUE ...
BLUE...
YOU'RE SURPRISED, AREN'T YOU?

AN OXYGEN SATURATION OF 93% MAKES HIM NO DIFFERENT FROM A SLIGHTLY WEAK BABY.
AFTER 48 HOURS OF TREATMENT, HIS CURRENT OXYGEN SATURATION IS 93%.
TH-THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE ..
OF COURSE HE'S STILL FAR FROM BEING HEALTHY, BUT HE HAS SLOWLY RECOVERED.


NO inhaled from lungs is sent to blood vessels
NO
NO
Blood vessels dilate, but ...
In cases of BPD, the lungs can't absorb NO, which is a gas
NO IS EFFECTIVE AT DILATING BLOOD VESSELS... HOWEVER, THIS KID'S LUNGS HAVE DEVELOPED BPD AND CAN'T ABSORB GAS ANYMORE.
B-BUT, HOW?
BPD is a chronic lung disease in which infant's lungs are injured from continuous oxygen inhalation through long-term use of mechanical ventilator early in life. The injured lungs can result in impaired gas exchange. Thus NO administration would be ineffective


THAT'S WHY WE ADMINISTERED A SOLID VASO-DILATOR ORALLY.
YES.
IF HIS LUNGS CAN'T ABSORB ANYTHING, THERE WON'T BE ANY EFFECT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU GIVE, RIGHT?


IT SHOULDN'T BE THAT SIMPLE.
IMPOS-SIBLE
IF HIS LUNGS CAN'T ABSORB, THEN FEED HIM BY MOUTH.

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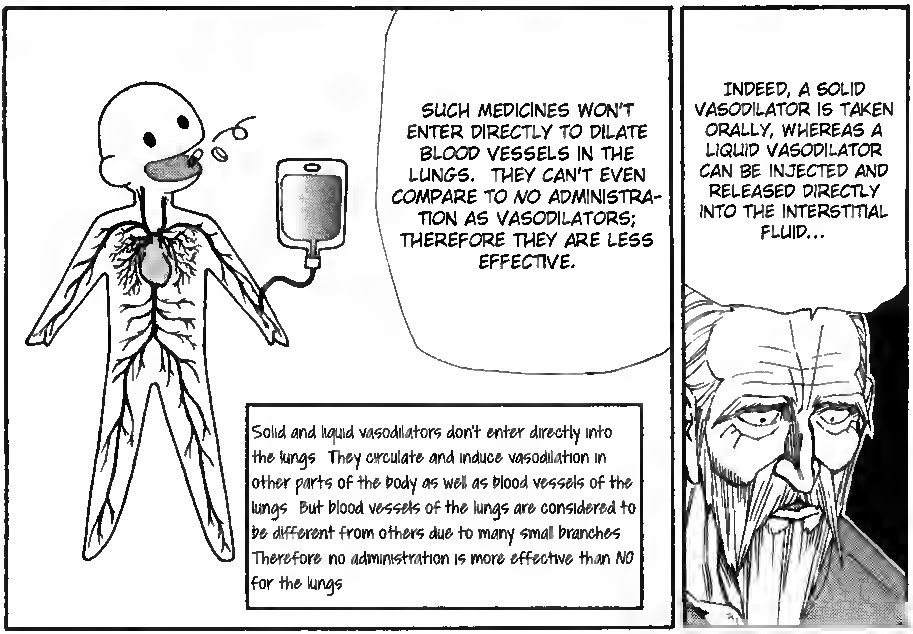
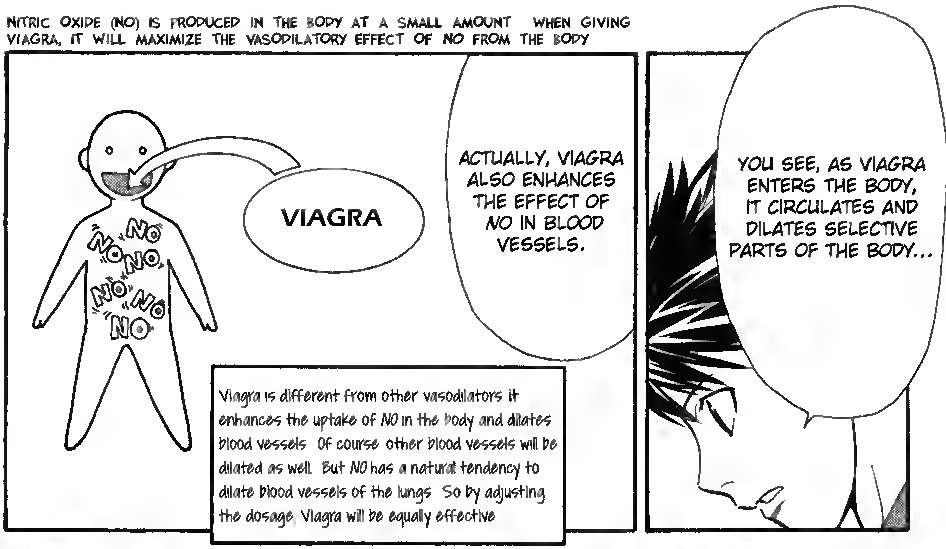
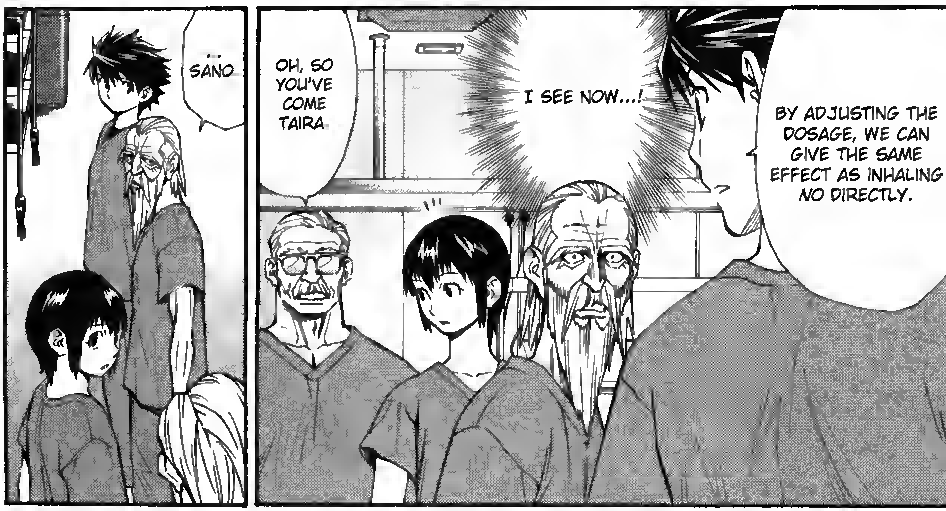

SUCH MEDICINES WON'T ENTER DIRECTLY TO DILATE BLOOD VESSELS IN THE LUNGS. THEY CAN'T EVEN COMPARE TO NO ADMINISTRA-TION AS VASODILATORS; THEREFORE THEY ARE LESS EFFECTIVE.
INDEED, A SOLID VASODILATOR IS TAKEN ORALLY, WHEREAS A LIQUID VASODILATOR CAN BE INJECTED AND RELEASED DIRECTLY INTO THE INTERSTITIAL FLUID...
Solid and liquid vasodilators don't enter directly into the lungs They circulate and induce vasodilation in other parts of the body as well as blood vessels of the lungs But blood vessels of the lungs are considered to be different from others due to many small branches Therefore no administration is more effective than NO for the lungs

A MEDICINE THAT DILATES ONLY BLOOD VESSELS OF THE LUNGS LIKE NO...
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AS WELL.
BUT IT EXISTS. AFTER AN EXTENSIVE RESEARCH, I FOUND A MEDICINE THAT DILATES BLOOD VESSELS OF THE LUNGS ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT LIMITED ONLY TO THE LUNGS.
AND THAT IS?
I'M SURE YOU KNOW IT AS WELL.
ITS CHEMICAL NAME IS SILDENAFIL ...
UNDER A COMMERCIAL NAME KNOWN AS VIAGRA.
V-VIAGRA?!

NITRIC OXIDE (NO) IS PRODUCED IN THE BODY AT A SMALL AMOUNT WHEN GIVING VIAGRA, IT WILL MAXIMIZE THE VASODILATORY EFFECT OF NO FROM THE BODY


VIAGRA
NO NO NO NO NO NO NO
ACTUALLY, VIAGRA ALSO ENHANCES THE EFFECT OF NO IN BLOOD VESSELS.
YOU SEE, AS VIAGRA ENTERS THE BODY, IT CIRCULATES AND DILATES SELECTIVE PARTS OF THE BODY...
Viagra is different from other vasodilators it enhances the uptake of NO in the body and dilates blood vessels Of course other blood vessels will be dilated as well But NO has a natural tendency to dilate blood vessels of the lungs So by adjusting the dosage, Viagra will be equally effective



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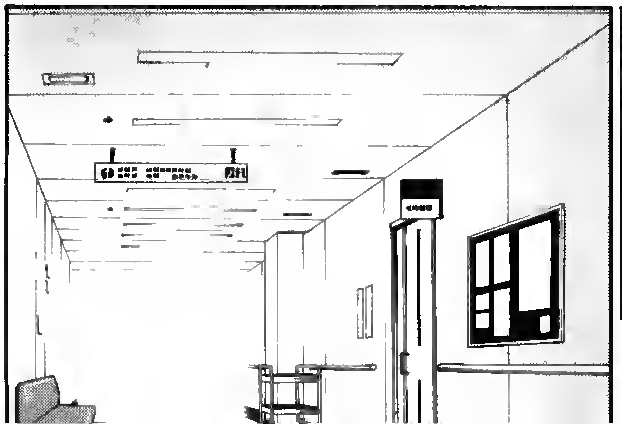

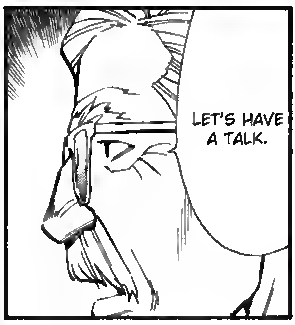

EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE ENTRUSTED YOUR EX-FIANCEE'S GRANDCHILD, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HIM.
I'M SORRY, TAIRA.
WELL, PRETTY MUCH
I BET YOU WERE PRETTY PISSED AT ME, WEREN'T YOU?
DAMN TAIRA, WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO BY ASKING DR. SAIJOU TO CHECK ON HIS FORMER FIANCEE'S GRANDCHILD?
EH?!
FUFUFU YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED.
SHOULD THE ONE TO GET BLAMED BE AN ORDINARY PERSON WHO TRIED TO DO SOMETHING OUT OF HIS CAPABILITY INSTEAD OF DR. SAIJOU?
IT'S THAT WAY OF THINKING THAT LEADS TO THE FAILURE OF UPBRINGING YOUR DAUGHTER.
HE ONLY TOLD ME JUST NOW TO LET DR. SAIJOU N SO I'M CONFUSED! AS WELL
IN REGARD TO YOUR PREVIOUS CONDUCTS TOWARD ME, AND YOUR RECOMMENDATION OF DR. SAIJOU THIS TIME...
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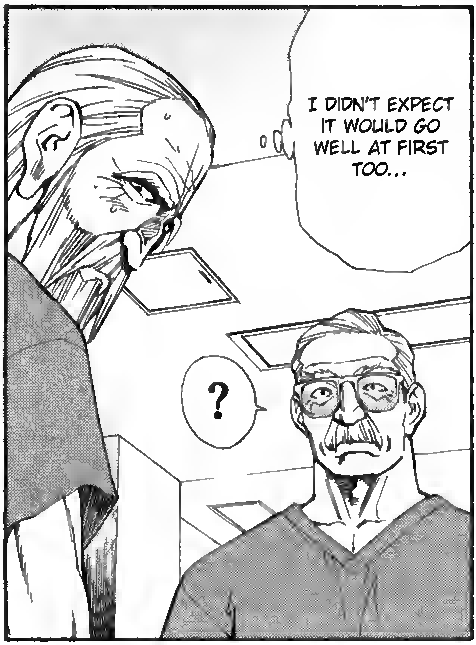
NO ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF IT THIS WAY OR BLAME YOU FOR GIVING UP IN THE BEGINNING.
It's my bad habit to expect perfectionism from others.
I have a lot to reflect on this case as well...
BUT, JUST LET IT GO NOW.

I'M GLAD YOU COULD THINK THAT WAY...
AS AN ACQUAINTANCE OF THE PATIENT, I'VE SELFISHLY PUT YOU IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION.


I DIDN'T EXPECT IT WOULD GO WELL AT FIRST TOO...
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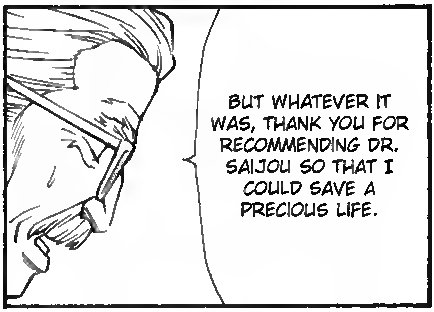
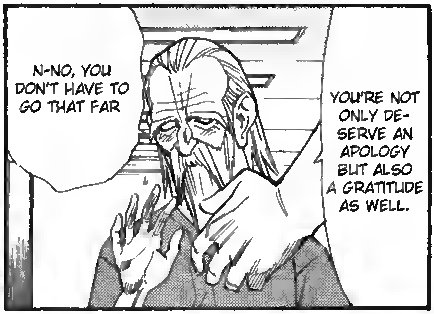
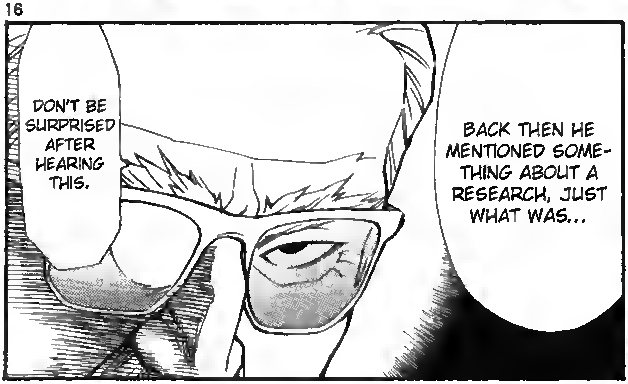
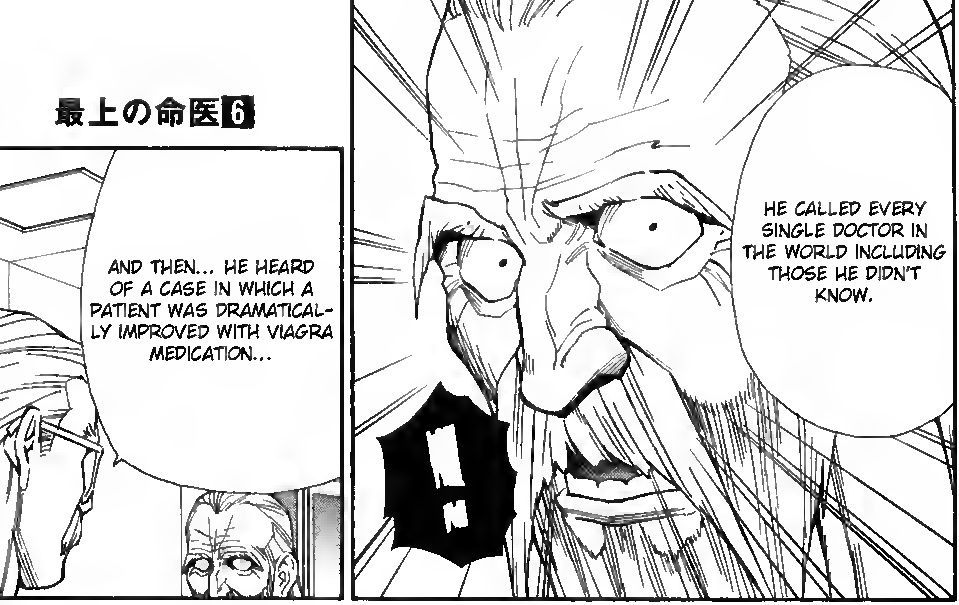
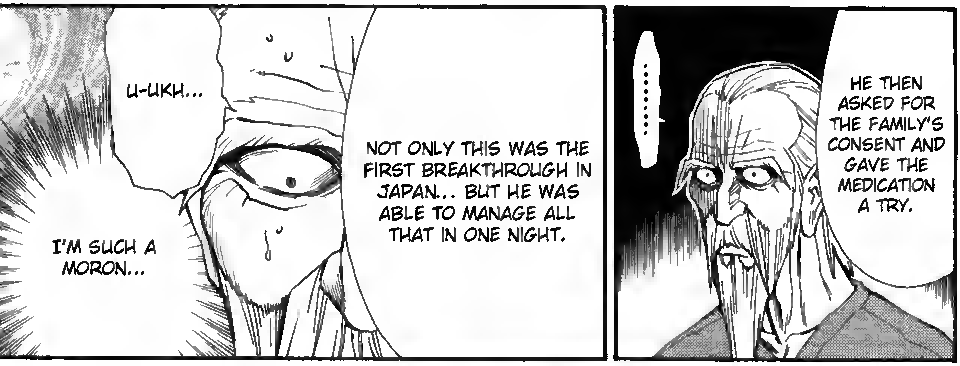

BUT WHATEVER IT WAS, THANK YOU FOR RECOMMENDING DR. SAIJOU SO THAT I COULD SAVE A PRECIOUS LIFE.


N-NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR
YOU'RE NOT ONLY DESERVE AN APOLOGY BUT ALSO A GRATITUDE AS WELL.


DON'T BE SURPRISED AFTER HEARING THIS.
BACK THEN HE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT A RESEARCH, JUST WHAT WAS...

MOST IMPORTANTLY, SANO HOW DID HE FIGURED OUT SUCH A WAY?


AND THEN... HE HEARD OF A CASE IN WHICH A PATIENT WAS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED WITH VIAGRA MEDICATION...
HE CALLED EVERY SINGLE DOCTOR IN THE WORLD INCLUDING THOSE HE DIDN'T KNOW.


U-UKH...
I'M SUCH A MORON...
NOT ONLY THIS WAS THE FIRST BREAKTHROUGH IN JAPAN... BUT HE WAS ABLE TO MANAGE ALL THAT IN ONE NIGHT.
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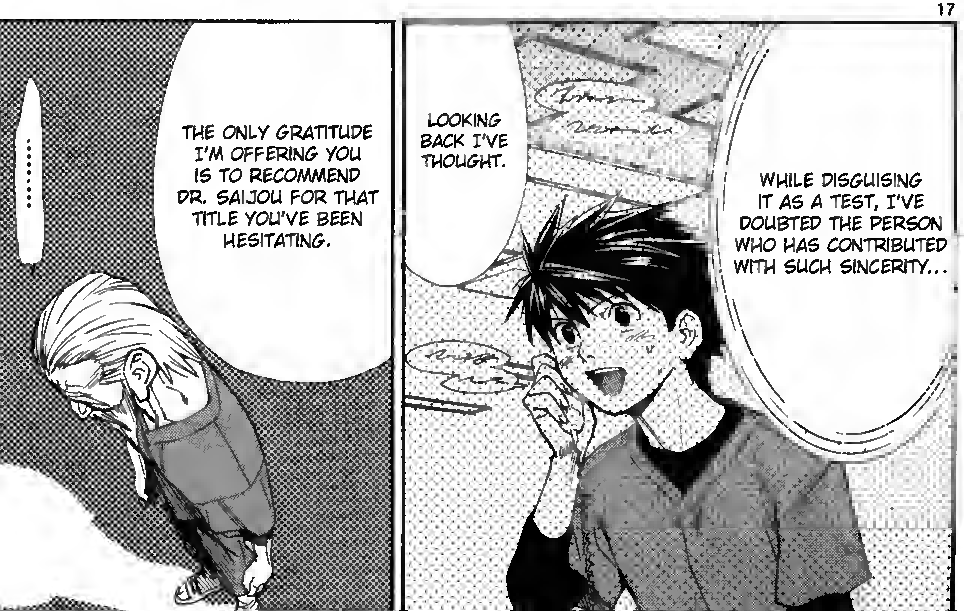
HE THEN ASKED FOR THE FAMILY'S CONSENT AND GAVE THE MEDICATION A TRY.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THE ONLY GRATITUDE I'M OFFERING YOU IS TO RECOMMEND DR. SAIJOU FOR THAT TITLE YOU'VE BEEN HESITATING.
LOOKING BACK I'VE THOUGHT.
WHILE DISGUISING IT AS A TEST, I'VE DOUBTED THE PERSON WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED WITH SUCH SINCERITY...

SUCH AN ORDINARY PERSON LIKE ME CHOOSING HIM IS JUST PRESUMPTUOUS.
I'LL OPPOSITELY REGRET IF I CHOSE HIM.
TA-... TAIRA ...
LISTEN, TAIRA. IF YOU LET DR. SAIJOU SLIPS OFF, THEN YOU'RE BOUND TO REGRET IT.
HE'S DEFINITELY SOMEONE UP FOR THE "BEST DOCTOR" ...
NO, I CAN'T.
I WILL HUMBLY AND EARNESTLY...

REQUEST DR. SAIJOU TO TAKE THE TITLE OF THE "BEST DOCTOR".

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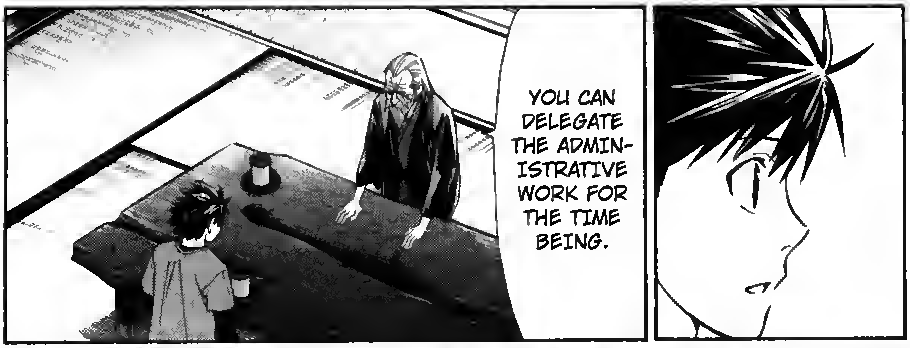
CHAPTER 48:

COUP D'ETAT

JUST LIKE THIS, DR. SAIJOU.
CHAIRMAN ROOM


YOU CAN DELEGATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK FOR THE TIME BEING.

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PLEASE!

SO PLEASE, TAKE MY PLACE TO LEAD THIS GROUP OF FIFTY-SEVEN HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

I'M HONORED BY YOUR PROPOSAL BUT...
W-WAIT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HEAD, CHAIRMAN!
I KNOW YOU'RE CONFUSED BY MY SUDDEN REQUEST.
HOWEVER, I AM VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.
.....
.....
BUT PLEASE. GIVE THIS REQUEST FROM A DYING OLD MAN...
...SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, WON'T YOU?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER RIGHT AWAY ...

Y-YES!!
W-WELL...
YOU'LL ACCEPT, WON'T YOU?
FINALLY! FINALLY YOU'VE DONE IT, DR. SAIJOU!

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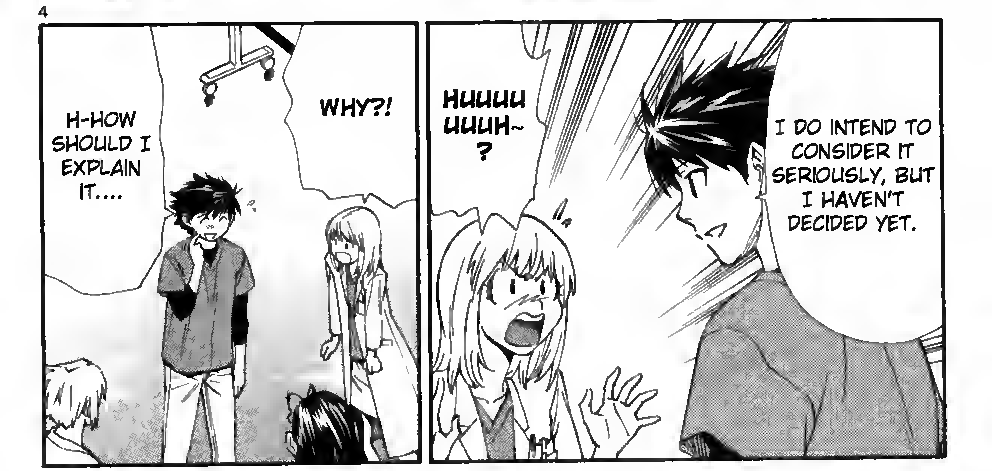
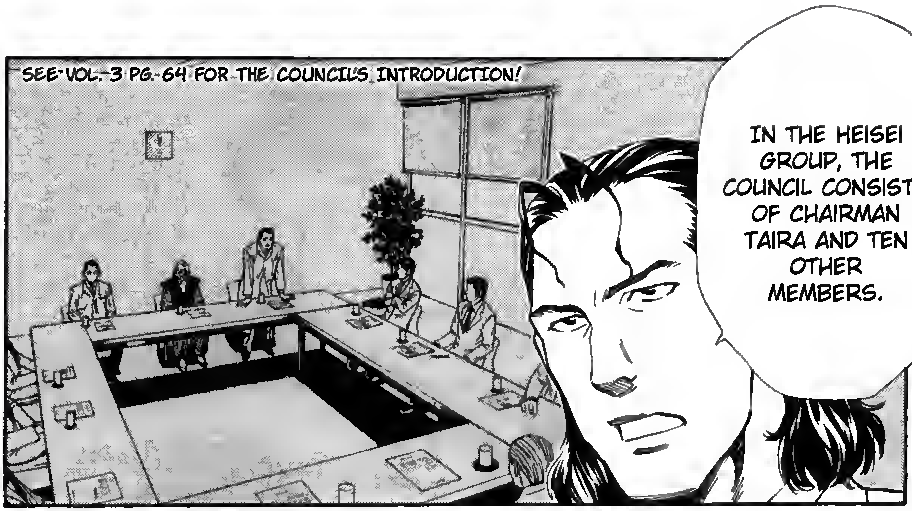
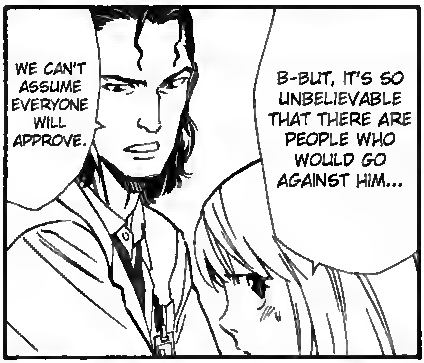
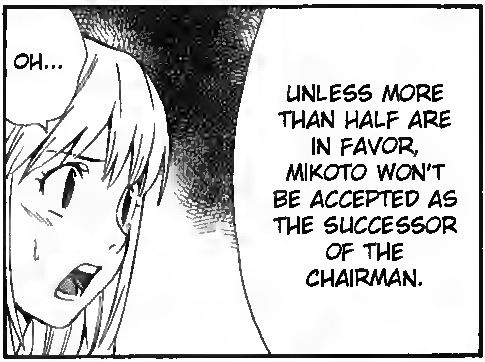

H-HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN IT....
WHY?!
HUUUU UUUH~ ?
I DO INTEND TO CONSIDER IT SERIOUSLY, BUT I HAVEN'T DECIDED YET.

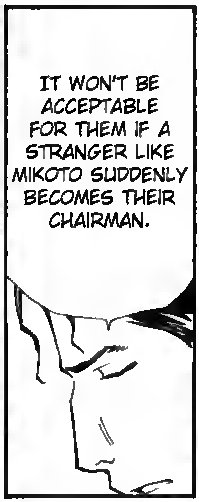
UMM ....
LIKE WHAT?
PROBLEMS ..
IT'S SO SUDDEN. IF I ACCEPT WITHOUT THINKING, THERE MIGHT BE PROBLEMS LATER.
.....
Y-YOU SEE...
5
OUR COUNCIL, FOR ONE.
AND JUST WHAT IS THAT?
I SEE. AS I THOUGHT, MIKOTO, YOU...
ANY HOSPITAL IS BOUND TO HAVE A COUNCIL, SO THE CHAIRMAN CAN'T MAKE WHATEVER DECISIONS HE WANTS.
I GUESS, THERE COULD REALLY BE A PROBLEM.

SEE VOL. 3 PG. 64 FOR THE COUNCIL'S INTRODUCTION!

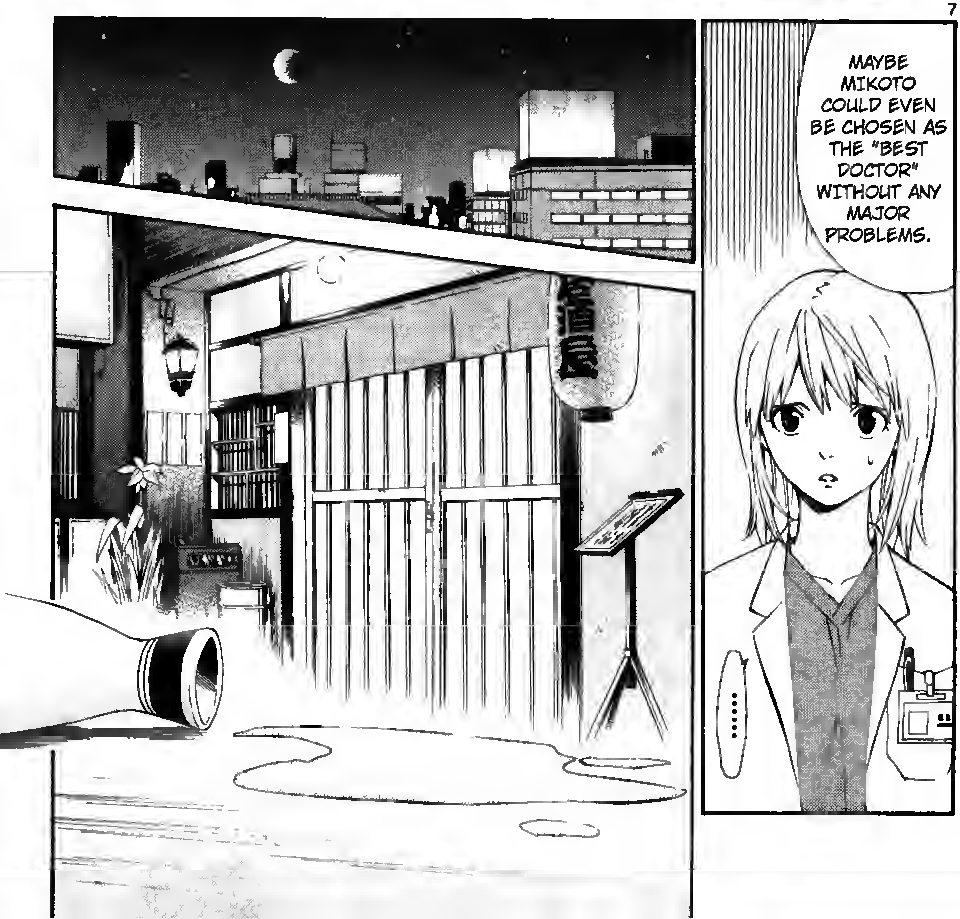








ANYWAY, EVERY-THING'S STILL UNCERTAIN.
SFX: GLOOOOMY
CHAIRMAN TAIRA IS NOT A FOOL. BESIDES, I HEARD OUR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR IS COMPLETELY DEPRESSED LATELY.
HAHAHA
DID I SCARE YOU?
Y-YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT...?


MAYBE MIKOTO COULD EVEN BE CHOSEN AS THE "BEST DOCTOR" WITHOUT ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS.
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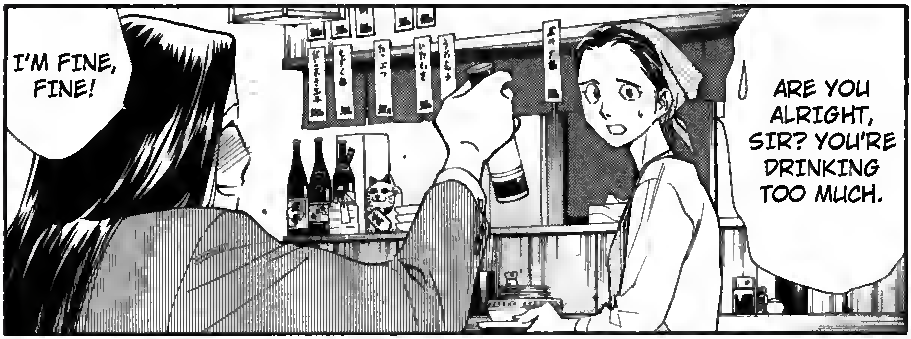
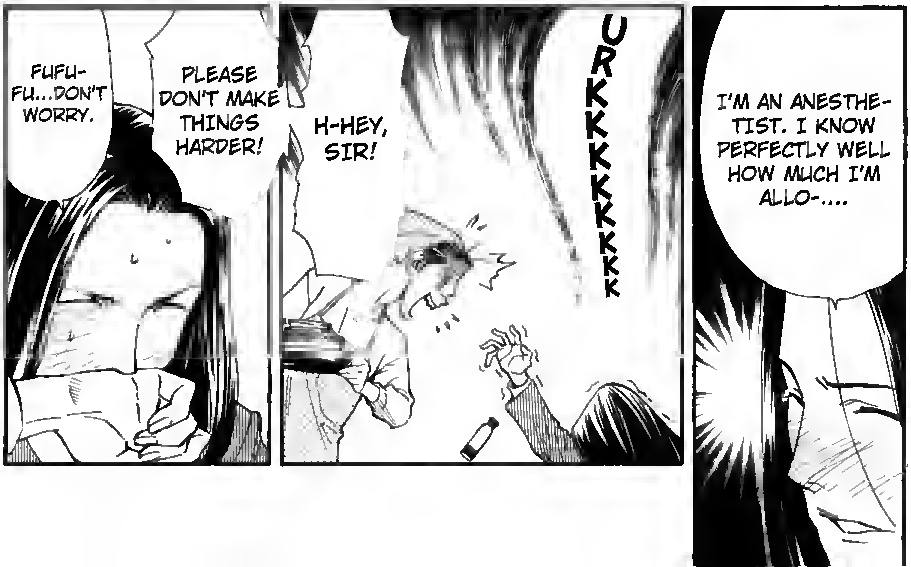
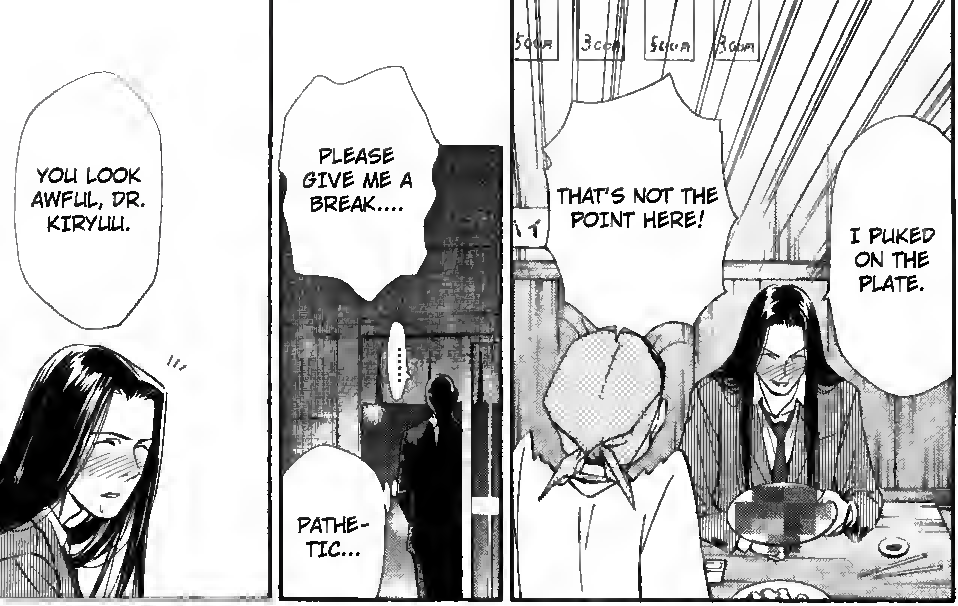
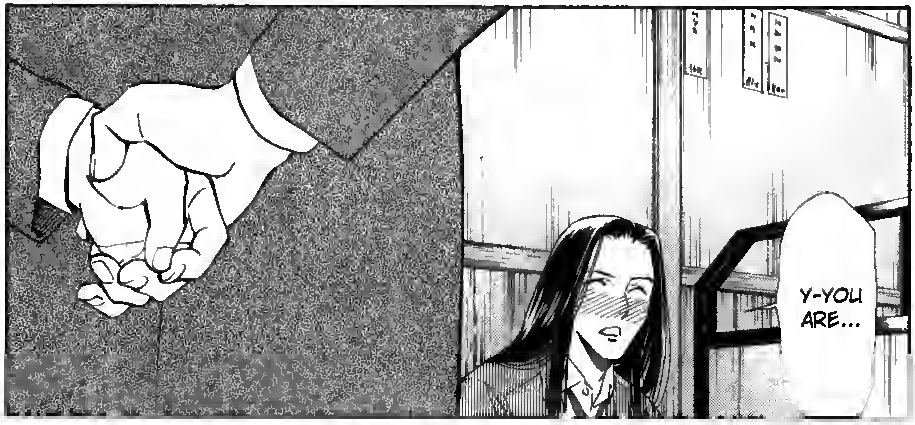
HEY, MISS! GIMME ANOTHER BOTTLE!
HIC~
CLINK


I'M FINE, FINE!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, SIR? YOU'RE DRINKING TOO MUCH.


FUFU-FU...DON'T WORRY.
PLEASE DON'T MAKE THINGS HARDER!
H-HEY, SIR!
URKKKKKKK
I'M AN ANESTHE-TIST. I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL HOW MUCH I'M ALLO-....


I PUKED ON THE PLATE.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT HERE!
PLEASE GIVE ME A BREAK....
PATHE-TIC...
YOU LOOK AWFUL, DR. KIRYUU.


Y-YOU ARE...

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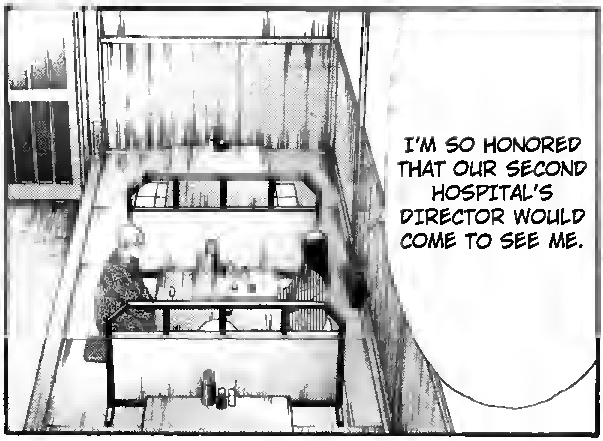
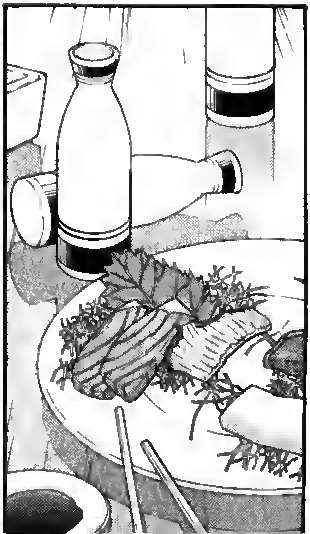
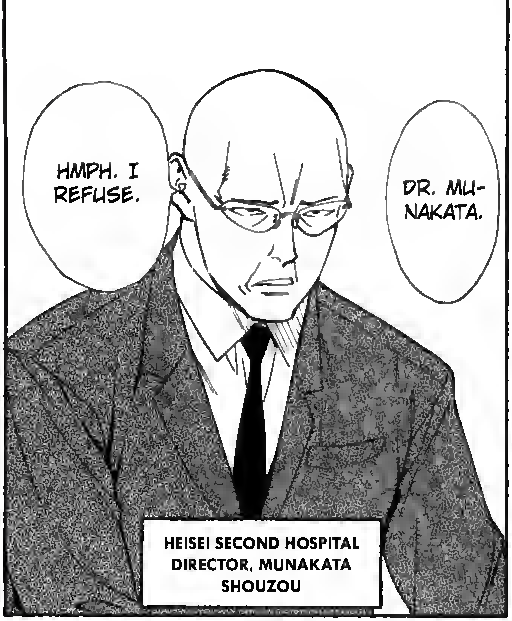
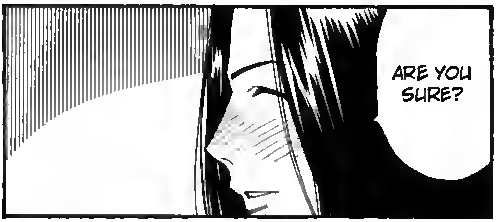

I'M SO HONORED THAT OUR SECOND HOSPITAL'S DIRECTOR WOULD COME TO SEE ME.

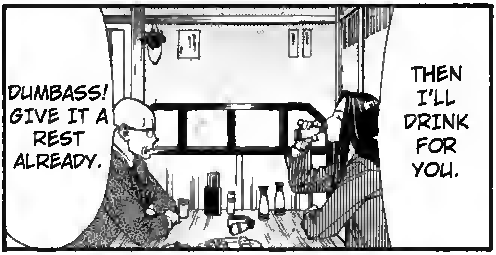


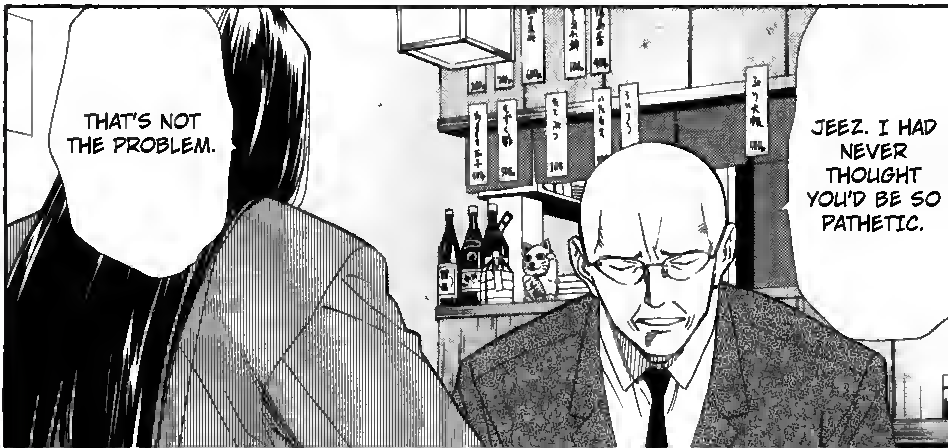

HMPH. I REFUSE.
DR. MUNAKATA.
HEISEI SECOND HOSPITAL
DIRECTOR, MUNAKATA
SHOUZOU

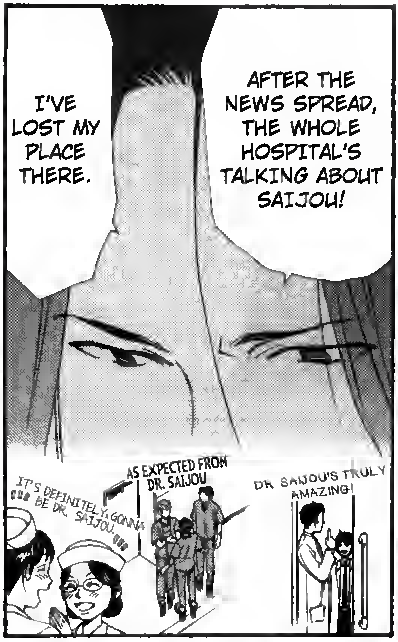
COME NOW, THE BILL'S ON ME TODAY. DRINK UP~!

DON'T YOU "BUT" ME.
HUH? BUT...

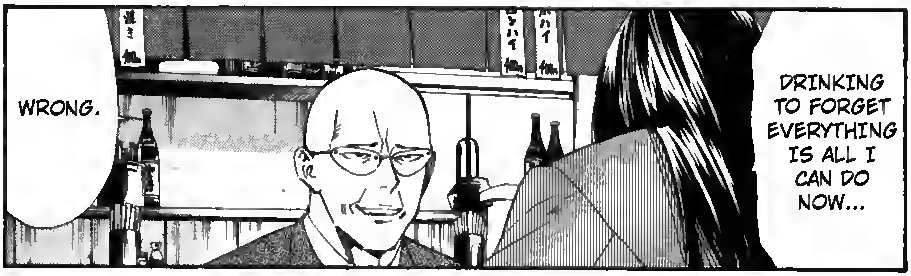

ARE YOU SURE?

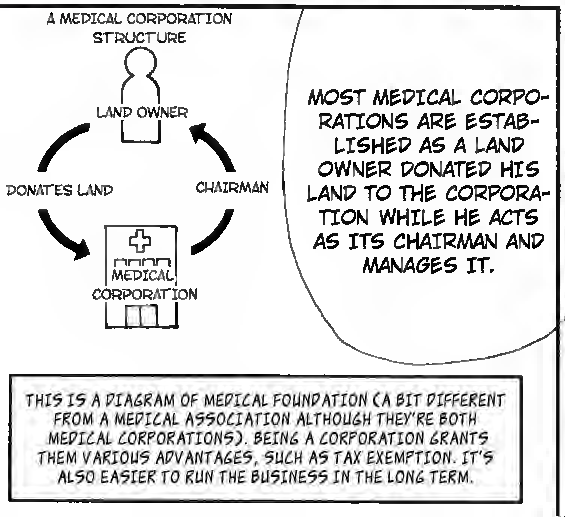

DUMBASS! GIVE IT A REST ALREADY.
THEN I'LL DRINK FOR YOU.


THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.
JEEZ. I HAD NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE SO PATHETIC.

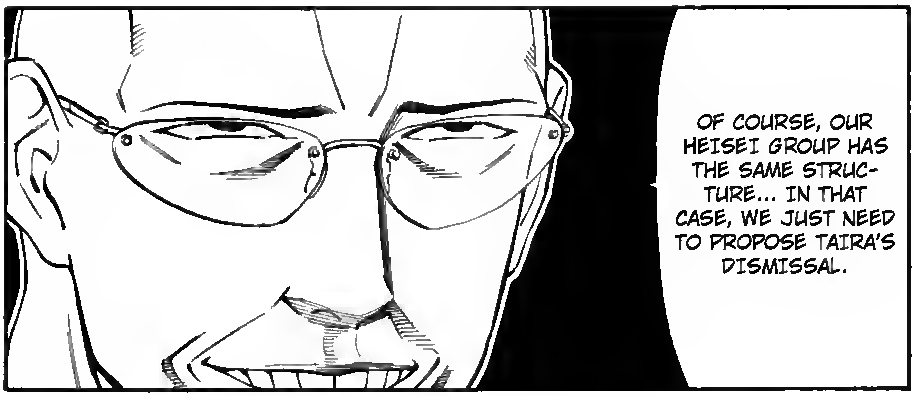

I'VE LOST MY PLACE THERE.
AFTER THE NEWS SPREAD, THE WHOLE HOSPITAL'S TALKING ABOUT SAIJOU!
IT'S DEFINITELY GONNA BE DR. SAIJOU
AS EXPECTED FROM DR. SAIJOU
DR. SAIJOU'S TRULY AMAZING!

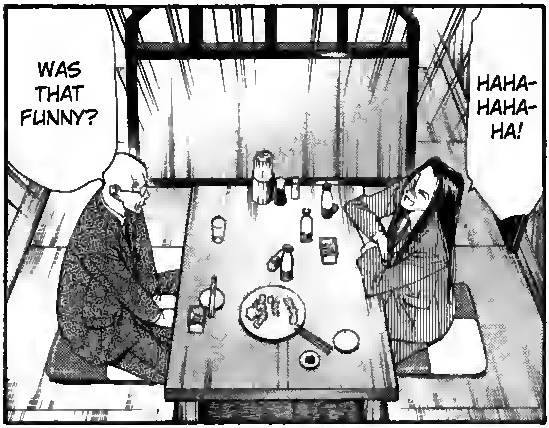
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO.

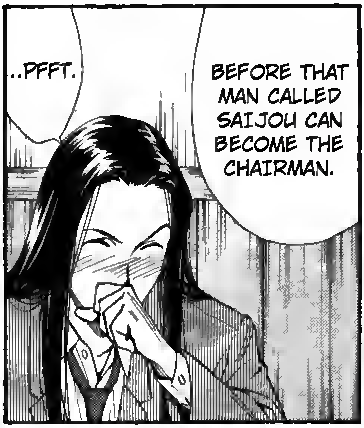

WRONG.
DRINKING TO FORGET EVERYTHING IS ALL I CAN DO NOW...

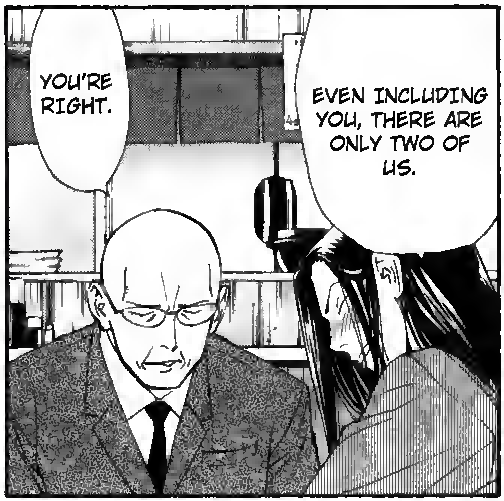

A MEDICAL CORPORATION STRUCTURE
LAND OWNER
DONATES LAND
CHAIRMAN
MEDICAL CORPORATION
MOST MEDICAL CORPORATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED AS A LAND OWNER DONATED HIS LAND TO THE CORPORATION WHILE HE ACTS AS ITS CHAIRMAN AND MANAGES IT.
THIS IS A DIAGRAM OF MEDICAL FOUNDATION (A BIT DIFFERENT FROM A MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALTHOUGH THEY'RE BOTH MEDICAL CORPORATIONS). BEING A CORPORATION GRANTS THEM VARIOUS ADVANTAGES, SUCH AS TAX EXEMPTION. IT'S ALSO EASIER TO RUN THE BUSINESS IN THE LONG TERM.

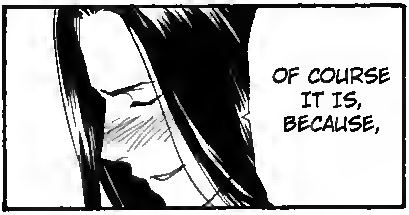
WE CAN STILL RAISE A COUP IN HEISEI GROUP'S COUNCIL MEETING.

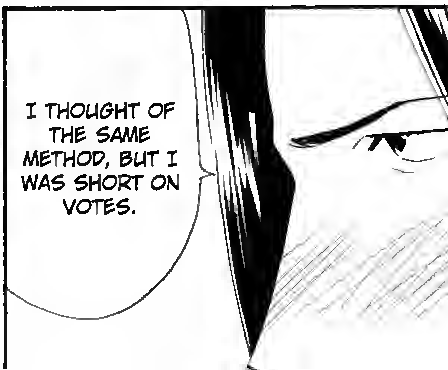

OF COURSE, OUR HEISEI GROUP HAS THE SAME STRUCTURE... IN THAT CASE, WE JUST NEED TO PROPOSE TAIRA'S DISMISSAL.


WAS THAT FUNNY?
HAHA-HAHA-HA!


..PFFT.
BEFORE THAT MAN CALLED SAIJOU CAN BECOME THE CHAIRMAN.


YOU'RE RIGHT.
EVEN INCLUDING YOU, THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF US.


OF COURSE IT IS, BECAUSE,


I THOUGHT OF THE SAME METHOD, BUT I WAS SHORT ON VOTES.

A-ARE YOU SERI-OUS?
YES.
BUT, WHAT IF I TOLD YOU I'VE ALREADY GOT FOUR PEOPLE ON MY SIDE?
!
HEISEI SECOND'S VICE-DIRECTOR, NAGOYA HEI-SEI'S DIRECTOR AND VICE-DI-RECTOR WERE MY JUNIORS IN TEIOU UNIVER-SITY, SO I'VE MANAGED TO WIN THEM OVER.
THERE ARE FIVE HOSPITAL DIRECTORS AND VICE-DIRECTORS WHO ALSO ACT AS BOARD MEMBERS: HEISEI CENTRAL, HEISEI SECOND, HEISEI THIRD, KANSAI HEISEI AND NAGOYA HEISEI...
THAT'S IMPRES-SIVE.
OF COURSE, IF YOU JOIN THAT'LL BE FIVE PEOPLE IN ALL.

THOSE FROM HEISEI THIRD ARE STRONGLY CONNECTED TO SAIHAMA UNIVERSITY, SO PERSUASION IS IMPOSSIBLE. AND NAGOYA HEISEI'S DIRECTOR IS TAIRA'S DISTANT RELATIVE, THEY'RE ALSO A DEAD END.
HOWEVER, WE'RE STILL ONE VOTE SHORT.
IN THAT CASE, WE'RE LEFT WITH DIRECTOR NOGUCHI. BUT NOT ONLY DID HE GRADUATE FROM SAIHAMA UNIVERSITY, HE'S ALSO AN HONEST PERSON.
HAVE YOU EVER QUESTIONED IT?
I WONDER ABOUT THAT.
THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD BETRAY THE CHAIRMAN...
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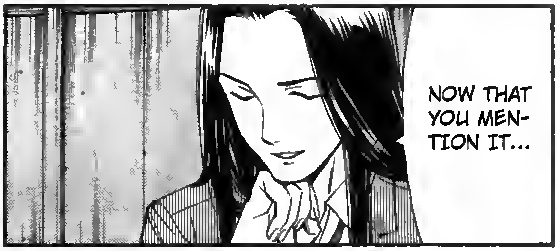
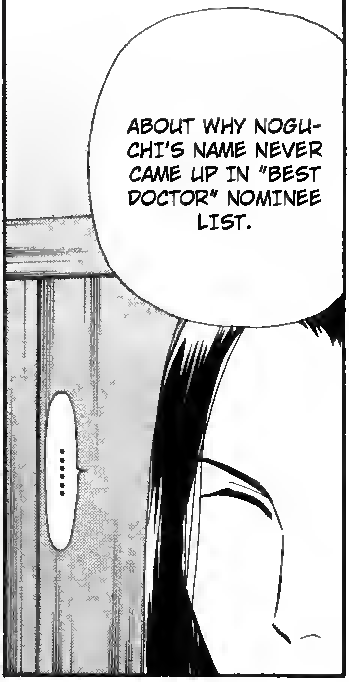
ABOUT WHAT?


NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...


ABOUT WHY NOGUCHI'S NAME NEVER CAME UP IN "BEST DOCTOR" NOMINEE LIST.
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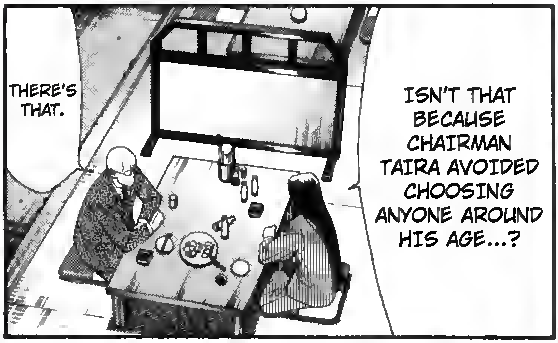
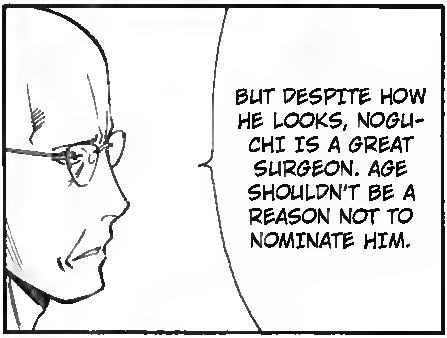
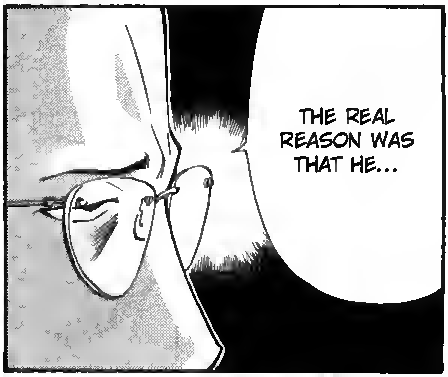
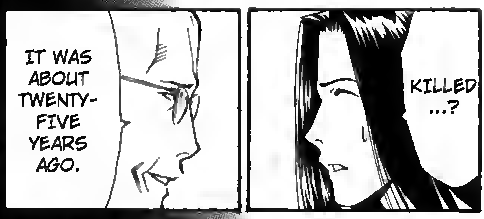

THERE'S THAT.
ISN'T THAT BECAUSE CHAIRMAN TAIRA AVOIDED CHOOSING ANYONE AROUND HIS AGE...?

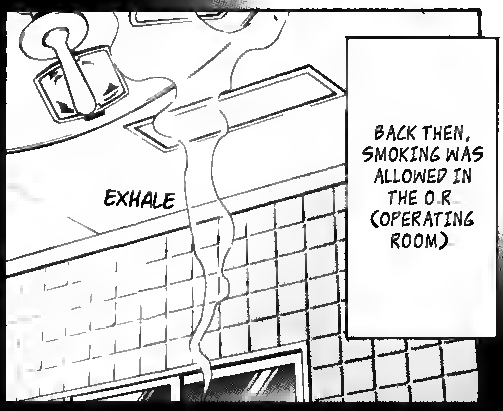
BECAUSE HE KILLED A PATIENT.
!?

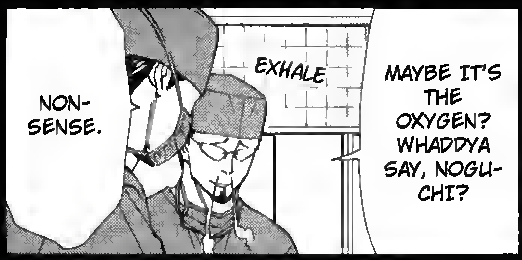

BUT DESPITE HOW HE LOOKS, NOGUCHI IS A GREAT SURGEON. AGE SHOULDN'T BE A REASON NOT TO NOMINATE HIM.


THE REAL REASON WAS THAT HE...

EXHALE
IT WAS SUCH A TIME
ANESTHETIST, MUNAKATA SHOUZOU (TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO)


IT WAS ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.
KILLED ...?


EXHALE
BACK THEN, SMOKING WAS ALLOWED IN THE O.R (OPERATING ROOM)


NON-SENSE.
EXHALE
MAYBE IT'S THE OXYGEN? WHADDYA SAY, NOGUCHI?

EXHALE
SMOKING IN THE O.R TASTES DIFFERENTLY.

SURGEON: NOGUCHI HIDETOSHI (TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO)
STOP PLAYING AROUND AND DO YOUR JOB PROPERLY.

BEING A GREAT SURGEON IS GOOD, BUT I THINK HUMANS SHOULDN'T BE TOO PERFECT...
SHEESH, LOOSEN UP, NOGUCHI.
OKAAAYYY.
WHAT HAPPENED?
N-NO!! THIS IS BAD!!
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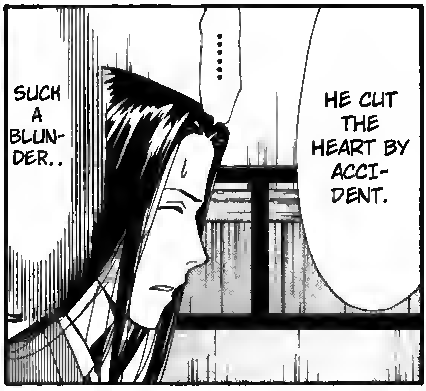
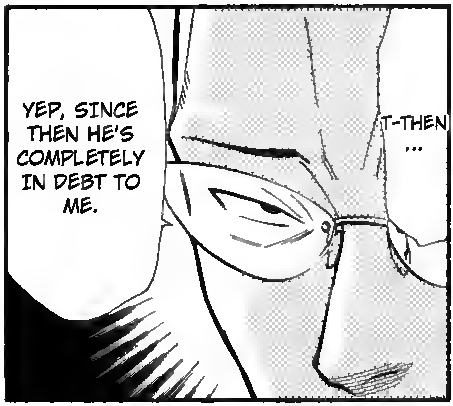
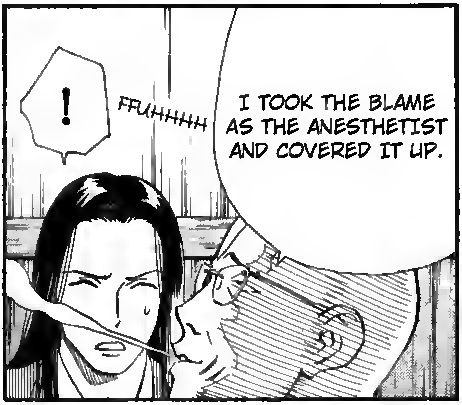
IT WAS A SURGERY TO REMOVE A TUMOR NEAR THE HEART.
AND NOGUCHI MESSED UP.
UWAAAAA!!!
THERE WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF BLOOD
SFX: SPRAYING

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THIS.
OF COURSE YOU HAVEN'T.


HE CUT THE HEART BY ACCI-DENT.
.....
SUCH A BLUN-DER..


T-THEN ...
YEP, SINCE THEN HE'S COMPLETELY IN DEBT TO ME.


I TOOK THE BLAME AS THE ANESTHETIST AND COVERED IT UP.
FFUHHHHH
!

HE CAN'T REFUSE ME, NO MATTER WHAT.

ANYONE! PLEASE! SIGN YOURSELF UP AND SAVE US!!
IF ONLY MORE STAFFS APPLIED IN, THAT'LL BE MUCH HELP FOR US.
HE SNAPPED BECAUSE OF HIS WORKLOAD.

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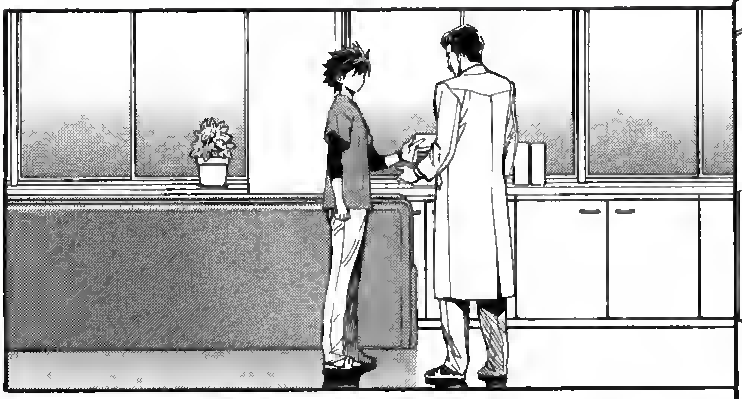
CHAPTER 49 :
MUNAKATA'S SCHEME



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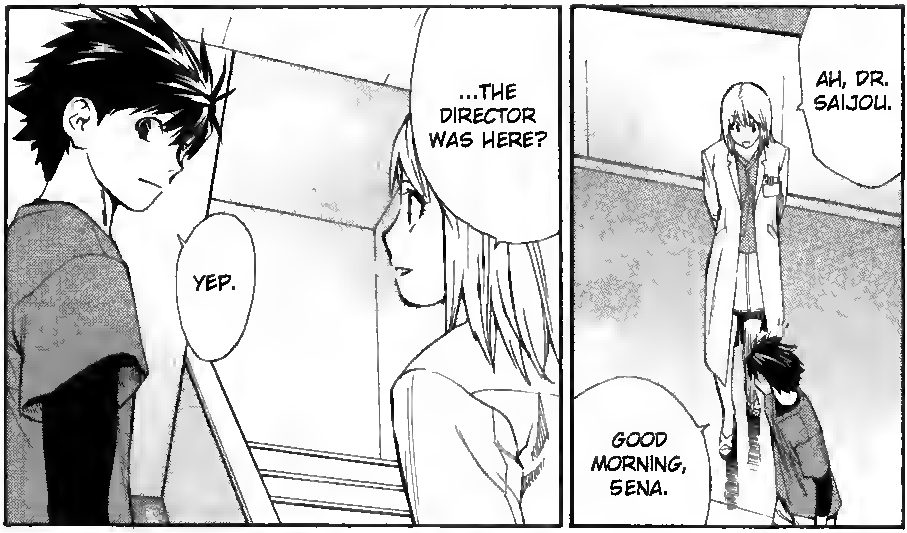
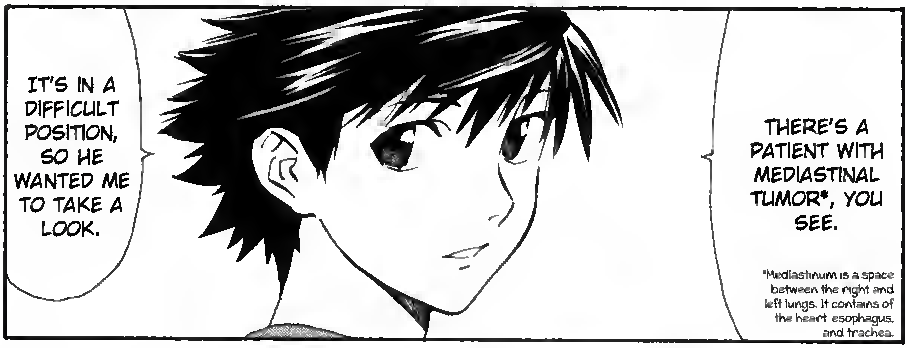
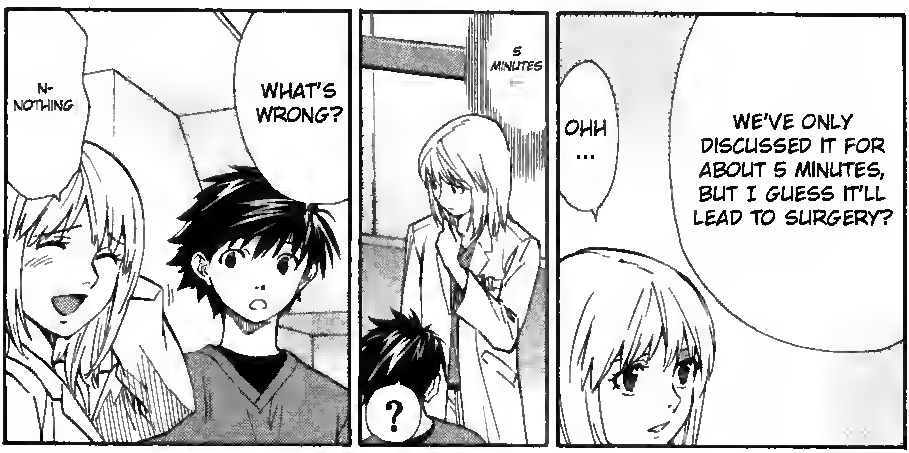
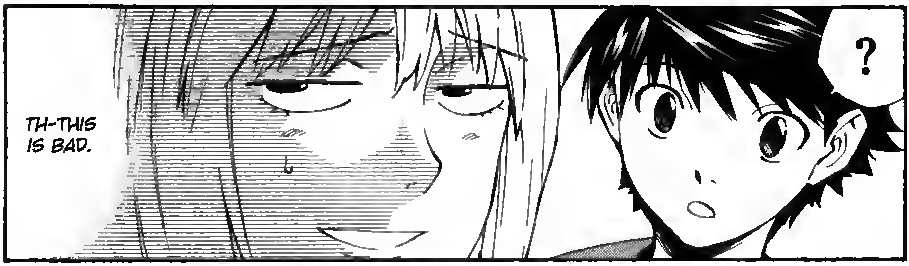

...THE DIRECTOR WAS HERE?
YEP.
AH, DR. SAIJOU.
GOOD MORNING, SENA.


IT'S IN A DIFFICULT POSITION, SO HE WANTED ME TO TAKE A LOOK.
THERE'S A PATIENT WITH MEDIASTINAL TUMOR*, YOU SEE.
*Mediastinum is a space between the right and left lungs. It contains of the heart esophagus, and trachea.


N-NOTHING
WHAT'S WRONG?
5 MINUTES
?
OHH ...
WE'VE ONLY DISCUSSED IT FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES, BUT I GUESS IT'LL LEAD TO SURGERY?

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT...
EVEN THE DIRECTOR CAN'T HAVE A LONG TALK ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE HE WANTS...
It's about that.
AH...
I WAS THINKING ABOUT HOW UNSUAL THAT THE DIRECTOR'S TALK WAS SO BRIEF...
WELL, IT'S EARLY MORNING AND HE MUST BE BUSY.


TH-THIS IS BAD.
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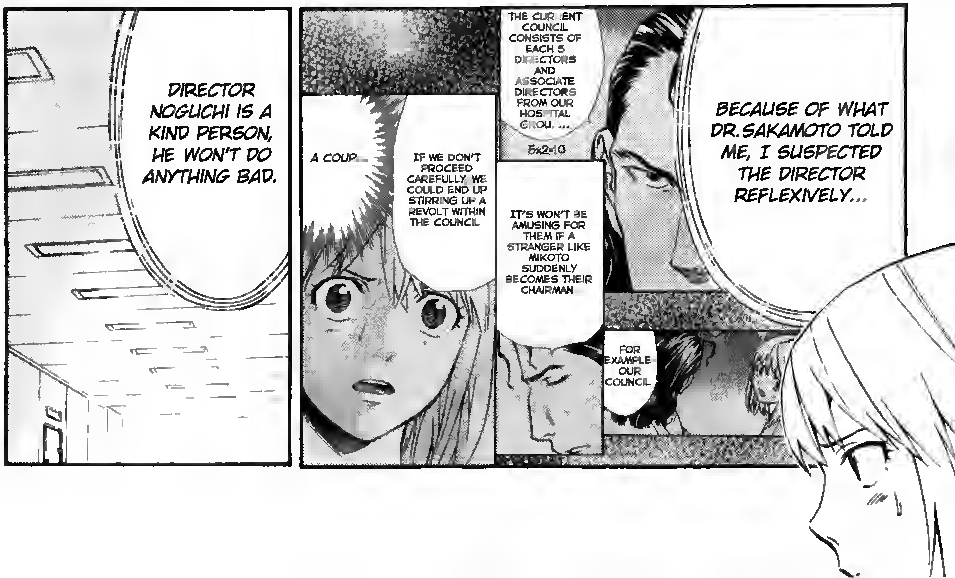
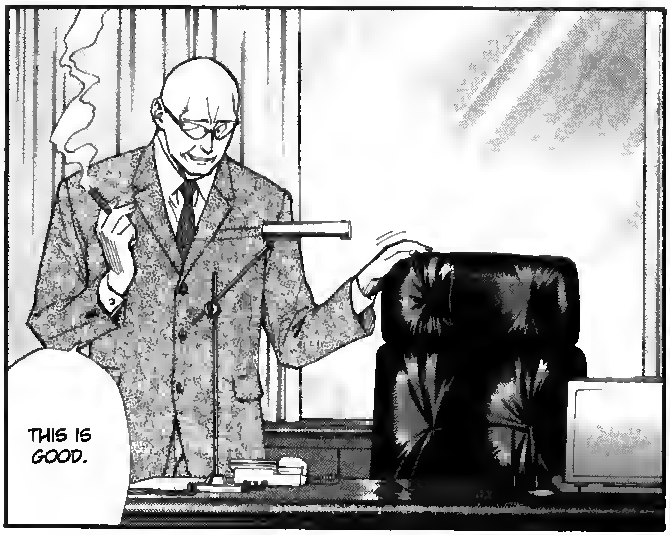
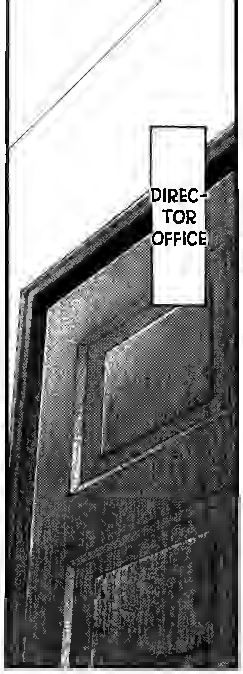
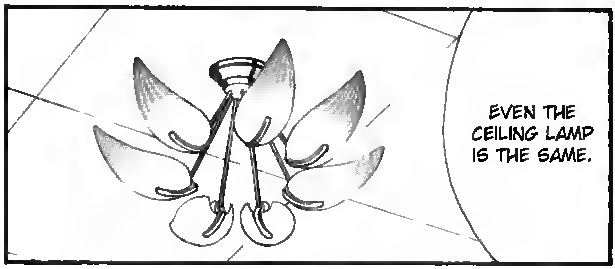
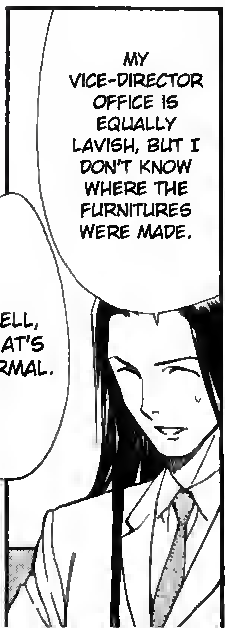

DIRECTOR NOGUCHI IS A KIND PERSON, HE WON'T DO ANYTHING BAD.
A COUP...
IF WE DON'T PROCEED CAREFULLY, WE COULD END UP STIRRING UP A REVOLT WITHIN THE COUNCIL.
THE CURRENT COUNCIL CONSISTS OF EACH 5 DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS FROM OUR HOSPITAL GROU...
5x2=10
IT'S WON'T BE AMUSING FOR THEM IF A STRANGER LIKE MIKOTO SUDDENLY BECOMES THEIR CHAIRMAN.
FOR EXAMPLE OUR COUNCIL...
BECAUSE OF WHAT DR.SAKAMOTO TOLD ME, I SUSPECTED THE DIRECTOR REFLEXIVELY...

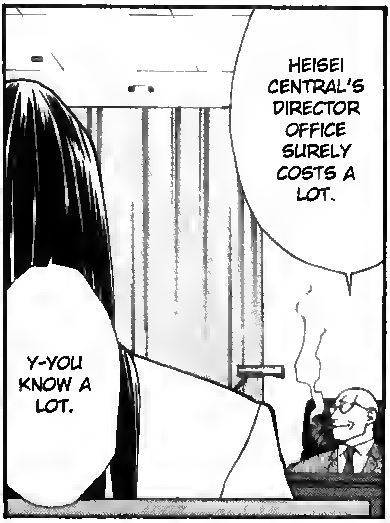

THIS IS GOOD.

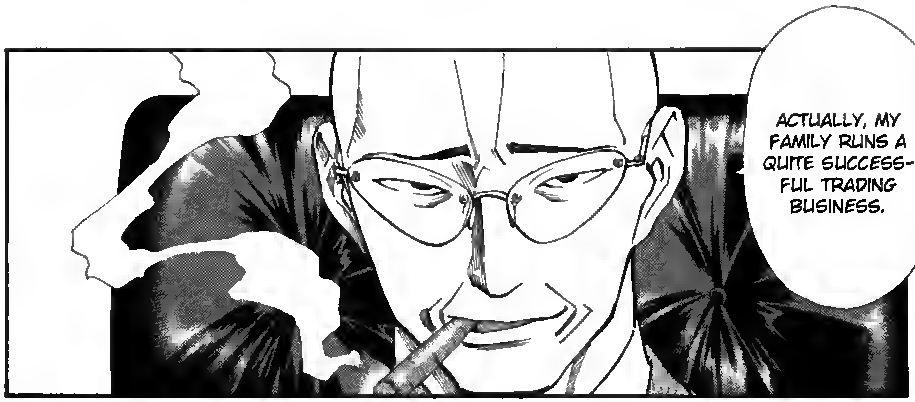

DIREC-
TOR
OFFICE

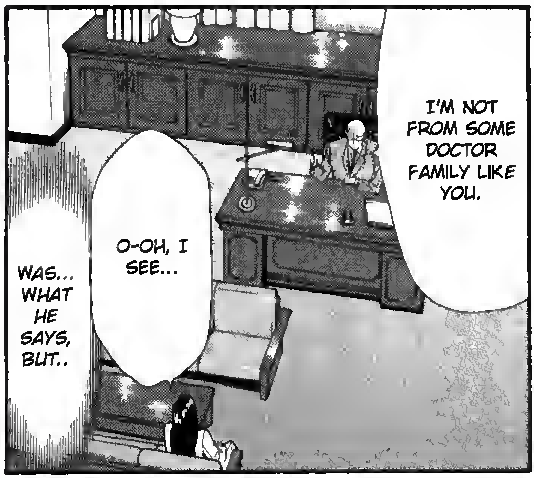

EVEN THE CEILING LAMP IS THE SAME.

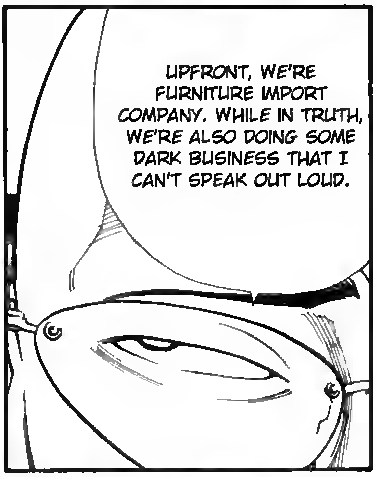
IT LOOKS SIMPLE BECAUSE THEY'RE OFFICE FURNITURES, BUT THE DESK, CHAIR EVEN THE TABLE HERE ARE ALL MADE IN ITALIA.


MY VICE-DIRECTOR OFFICE IS EQUALLY LAVISH, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE FURNITURES WERE MADE.
WELL, THAT'S NORMAL.

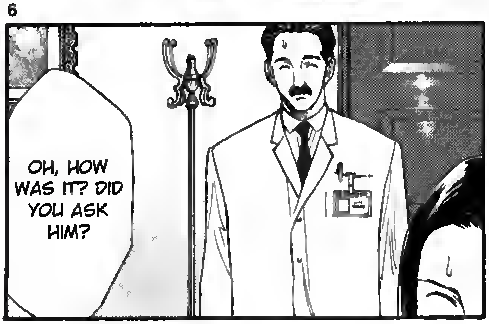

HEISEI CENTRAL'S DIRECTOR OFFICE SURELY COSTS A LOT.
Y-YOU KNOW A LOT.

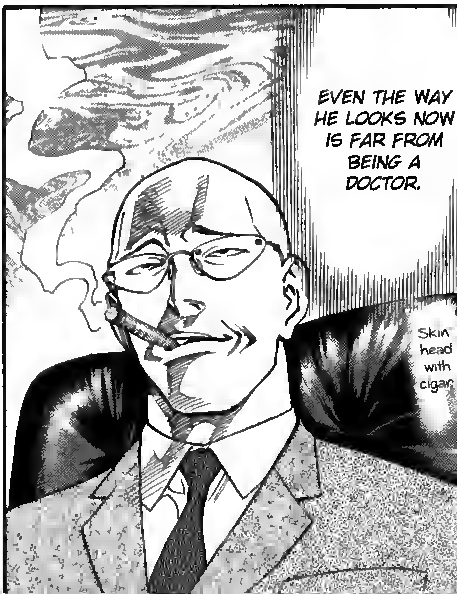

ACTUALLY, MY FAMILY RUNS A QUITE SUCCESSFUL TRADING BUSINESS.

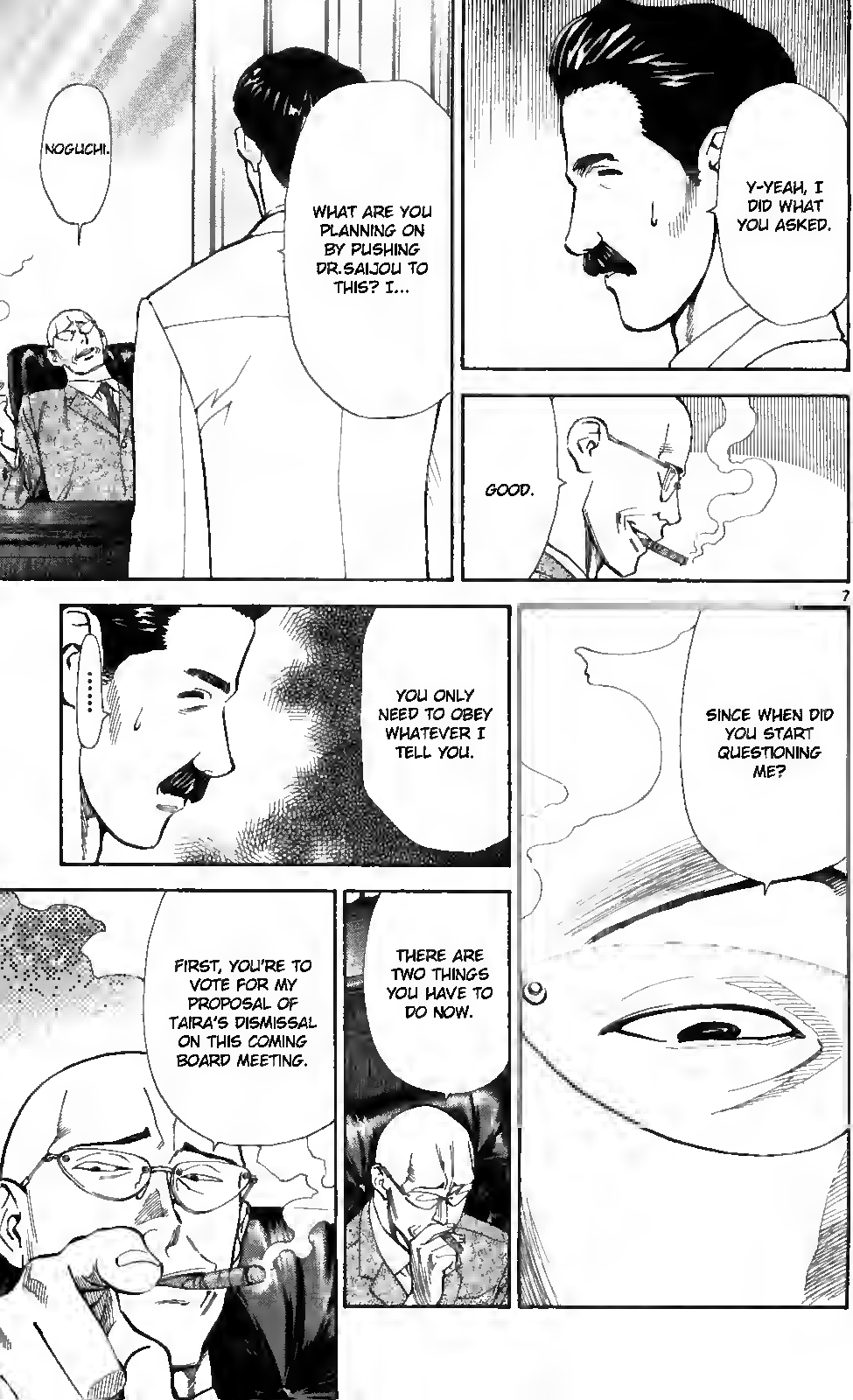

I'M NOT FROM SOME DOCTOR FAMILY LIKE YOU.
O-OH, I SEE...
WAS... WHAT HE SAYS, BUT..


UPFRONT, WE'RE FURNITURE IMPORT COMPANY. WHILE IN TRUTH, WE'RE ALSO DOING SOME DARK BUSINESS THAT I CAN'T SPEAK OUT LOUD.

MUNAKATA...


OH, HOW WAS IT? DID YOU ASK HIM?


EVEN THE WAY HE LOOKS NOW IS FAR FROM BEING A DOCTOR.
Skinhead with cigar


NOGUCHI.
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON BY PUSHING DR.SAIJOU TO THIS? I...
Y-YEAH, I DID WHAT YOU ASKED.
GOOD.
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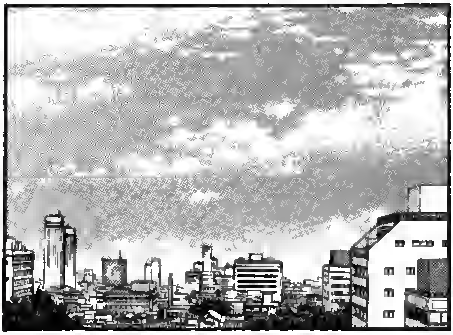
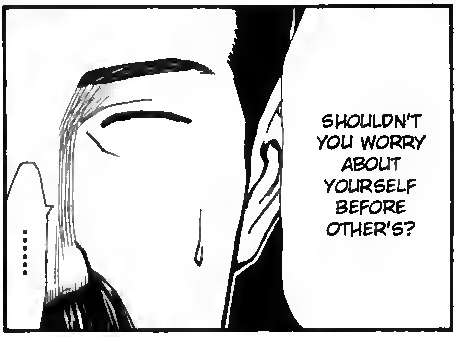
YOU ONLY NEED TO OBEY WHATEVER I TELL YOU.
SINCE WHEN DID YOU START QUESTIONING ME?
FIRST, YOU'RE TO VOTE FOR MY PROPOSAL OF TAIRA'S DISMISSAL ON THIS COMING BOARD MEETING.
THERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU HAVE TO DO NOW.

OF COURSE, IF YOU FAILED ON ANY OF THOSE, YOUR CAREER WILL MEET ITS END.

AND SECOND, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET THIS PATIENT OPERATED BY DR.SAIJOU NO MATTER HOW.




SHOULDN'T YOU WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF BEFORE OTHER'S?
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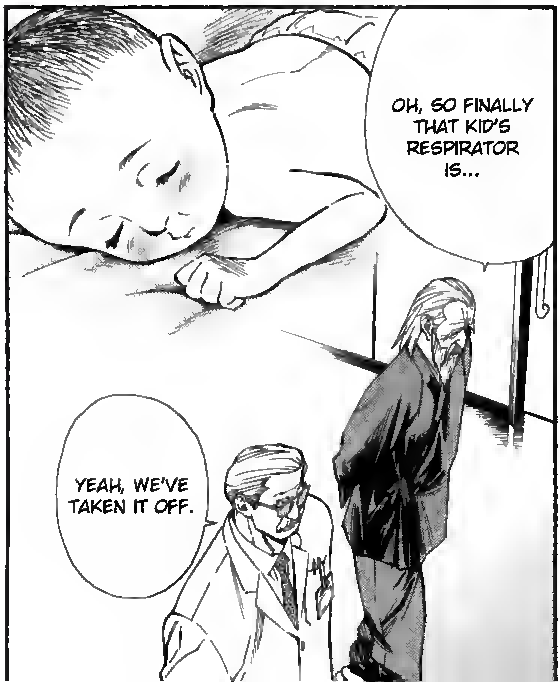
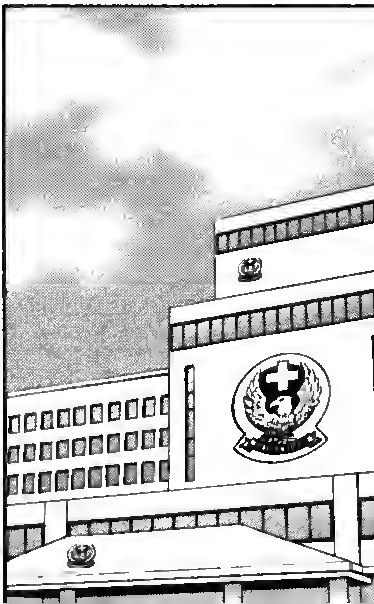

OH, SO FINALLY THAT KID'S RESPIRATOR IS...
YEAH, WE'VE TAKEN IT OFF.



...I SEE...
IT'S ALL THANKS TO DR. SAIJOU.
IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE WE DISCHARGE HIM, BUT I THINK HE'LL BE DOING FINE NOW.
THIS AFTERNOON, THE KID'S GRANDMOTHER, YOUR EX-FIANCEE, IS COMING.
HMM.
HEHE... WITH THIS, I FINALLY HAD A WEIGHT LIFTED FROM MY HEART.
THEN, WHAT?
NO, I'LL PASS ON THAT.
IF YOU WAIT 'TILL AFTERNOON, YOU'LL ALSO GET TO MEET-...
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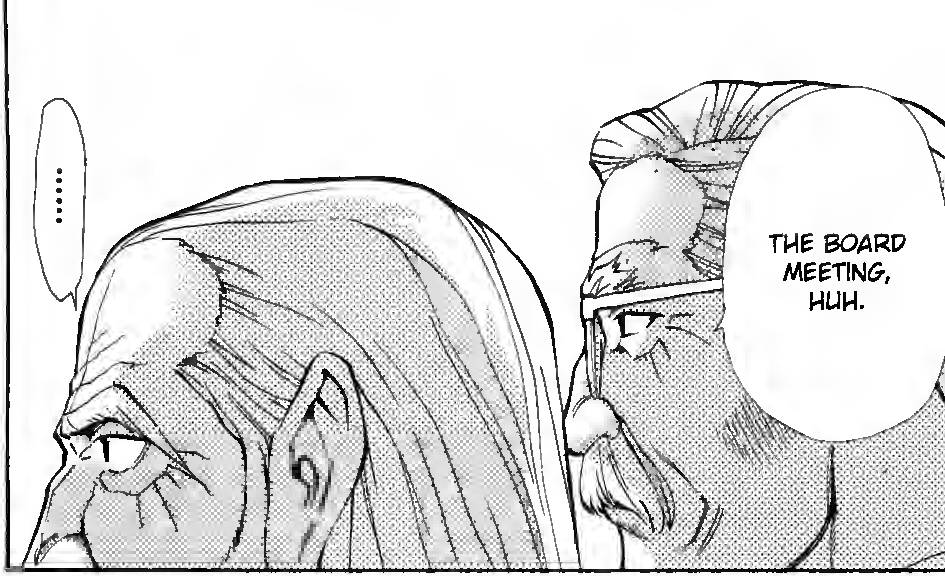
THE WEIGHT IN MY HEART MAY HAVE BEEN LIFTED, BUT I STILL HAVE THINGS TO DO.


THE BOARD MEETING, HUH.
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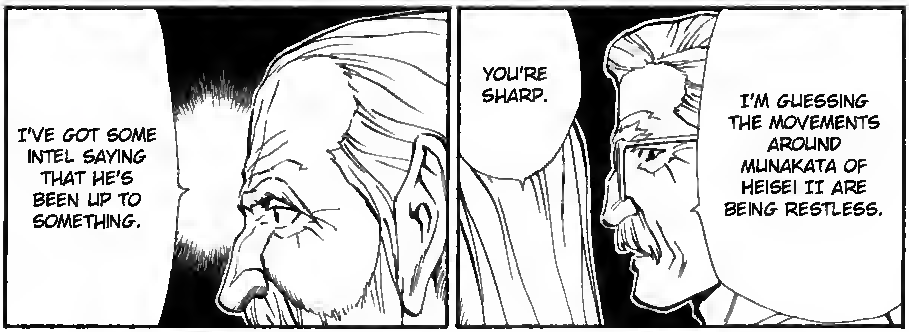
I'M GUESSING THE MOVEMENTS AROUND MUNAKATA OF HEISEI II ARE BEING RESTLESS.
YOU'RE SHARP.
I'VE GOT SOME INTEL SAYING THAT HE'S BEEN UP TO SOMETHING.

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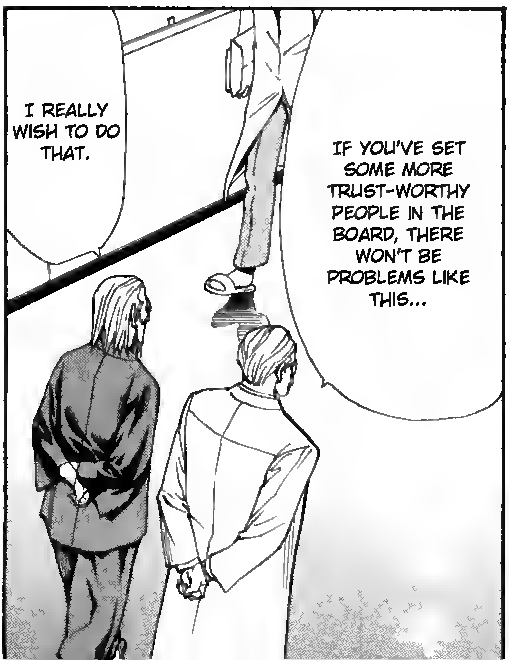
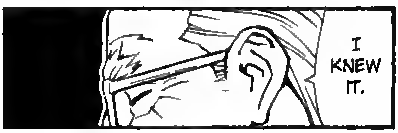
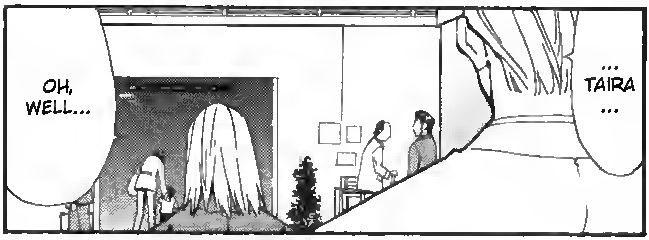

IF YOU'VE SET SOME MORE TRUST-WORTHY PEOPLE IN THE BOARD, THERE WON'T BE PROBLEMS LIKE THIS...
I REALLY WISH TO DO THAT.

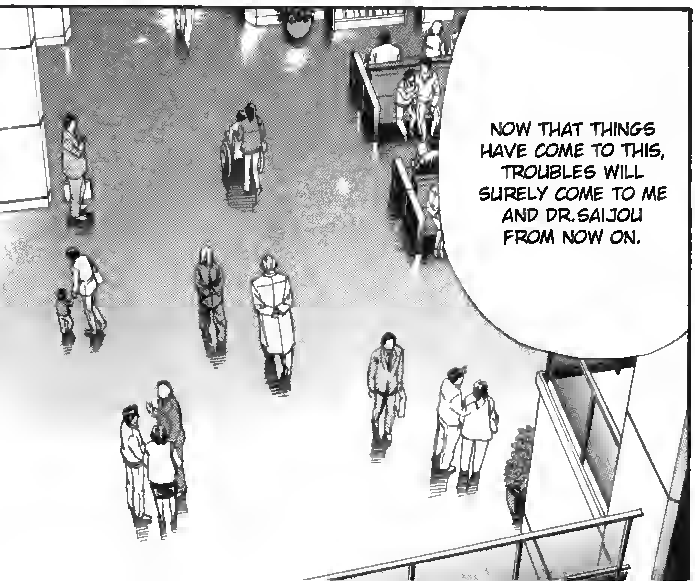

I KNEW IT.

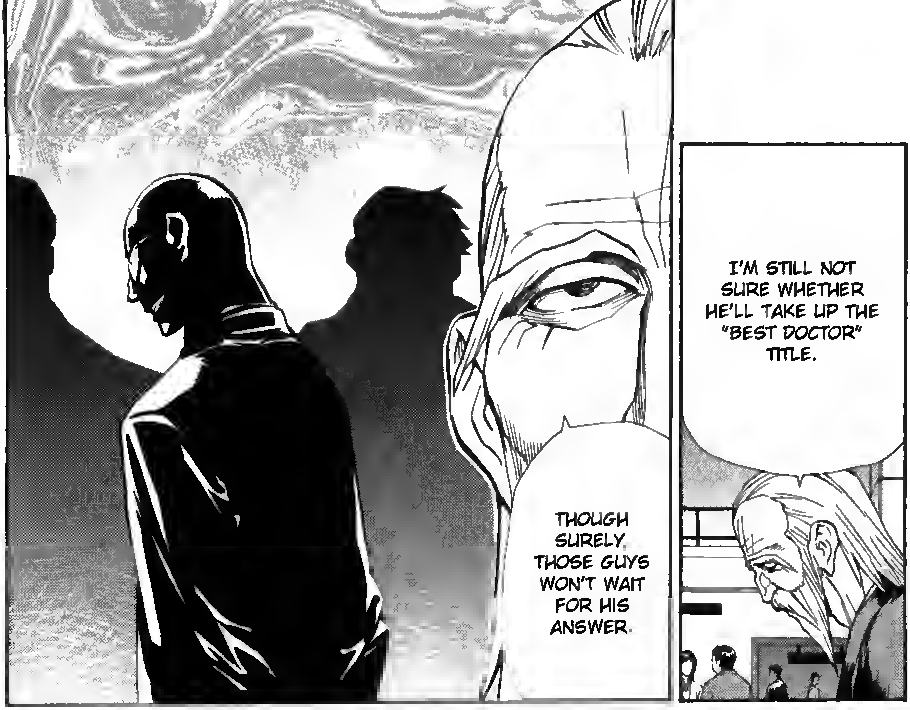
YOU'VE BEEN CARELESS.

IN FACT, THOSE I CAN PUT MY TRUST ON NOW ARE ONLY YOU, DAIKI AND DR.SAIJOU.
BUT EVEN IF I FILL THE BOARD WITH MY RELATIVES, AS LONG AS I DON'T HAVE A SON, IT'LL ONLY LEAD TO FAMILY DISPUTE.


OH, WELL...
... TAIRA ...

LIVING THIS LONG, I'VE JUST REALIZED IT ALL OVER AGAIN THAT NOTHING IS HARDER THAN TO FIND PEOPLE YOU CAN TRUST.


NOW THAT THINGS HAVE COME TO THIS, TROUBLES WILL SURELY COME TO ME AND DR.SAIJOU FROM NOW ON.


THOUGH SURELY, THOSE GUYS WON'T WAIT FOR HIS ANSWER.
I'M STILL NOT SURE WHETHER HE'LL TAKE UP THE "BEST DOCTOR" TITLE.

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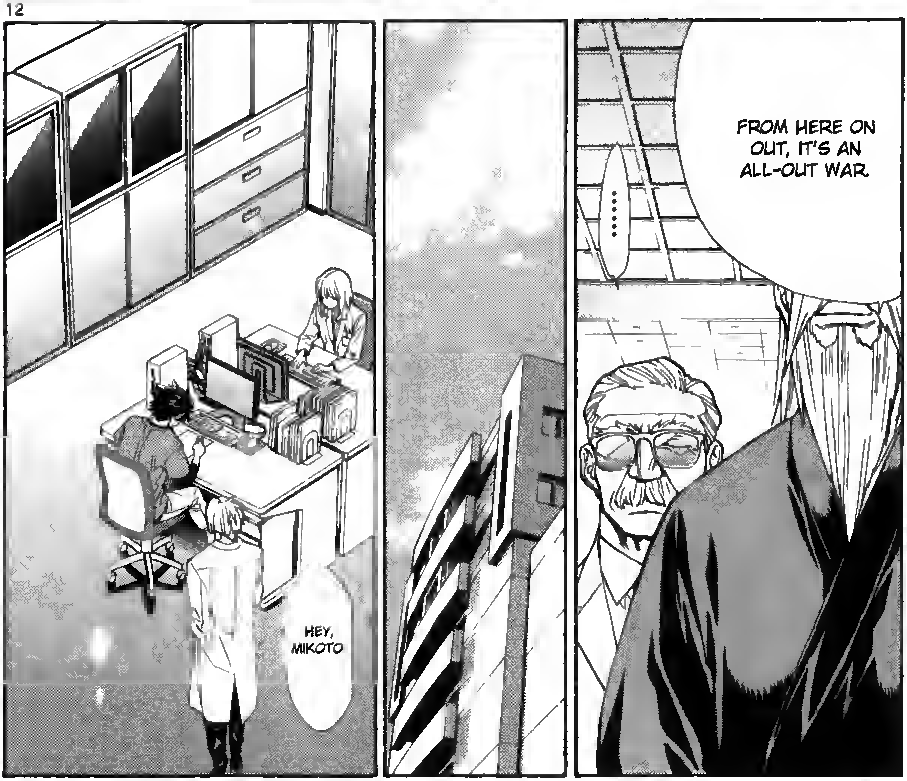
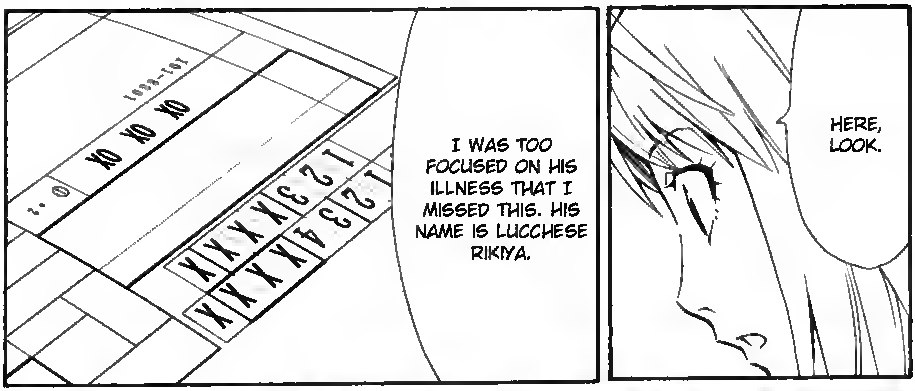

HEY, MIKOTO
FROM HERE ON OUT, IT'S AN ALL-OUT WAR.

ARE YOU REALLY GONNA OPERATE THIS KID?
HIS CHART HAS ENOUGH TO INFORM ME THAT THIS KID'S TUMOR CASE IS DIFFICULT.
IT'S ALSO A RELAPSED CASE. IT'S ALREADY AT STAGE WHERE WE USUALLY WOULD RECOMMEND HOSPICE.
THAT ALTERNATIVE ALSO EXISTS.
BUT FROM WHAT DR.NOGUCHI SAID, THE PATIENT AND HIS FAMILY PUT HOPE ON A SURGERY.

I'LL OPERATE HIM EVEN IF ONLY 0.001% OF PROBABILITY EXISTS.
WELL, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.
OH.
THIS KID...
HM? WHAT?


I WAS TOO FOCUSED ON HIS ILLNESS THAT I MISSED THIS. HIS NAME IS LUCCHESE RIKIYA.
HERE, LOOK.

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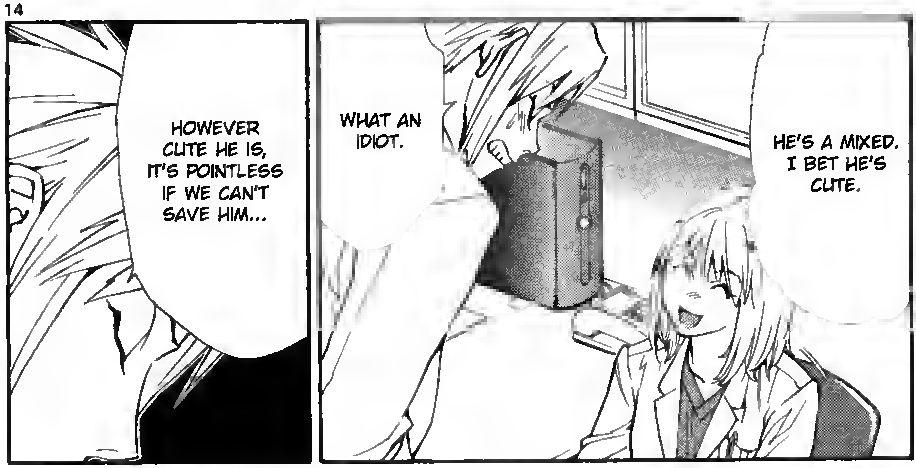
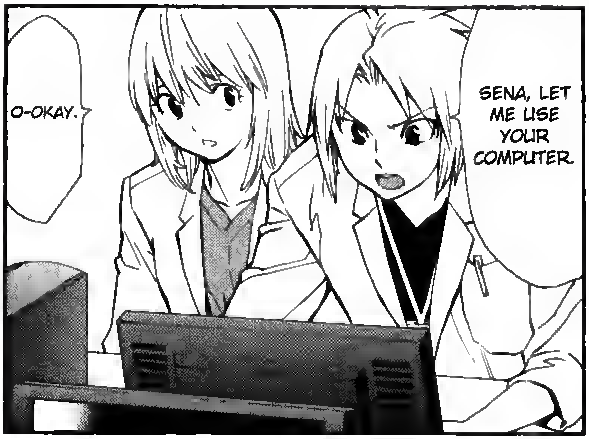
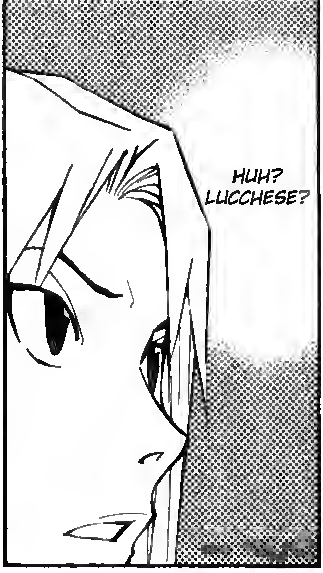
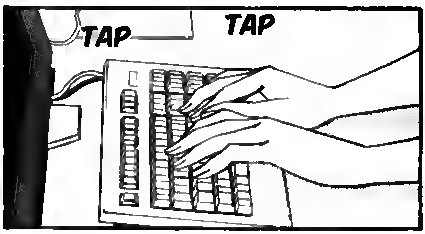

HOWEVER CUTE HE IS, IT'S POINTLESS IF WE CAN'T SAVE HIM...
WHAT AN IDIOT.
HE'S A MIXED. I BET HE'S CUTE.


SENA, LET ME USE YOUR COMPUTER.
O-OKAY.


HUH? LUCCHESE?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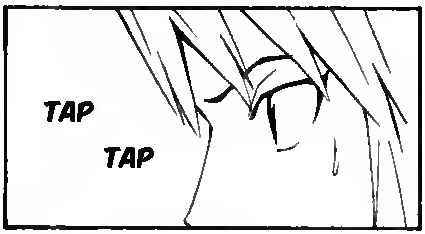
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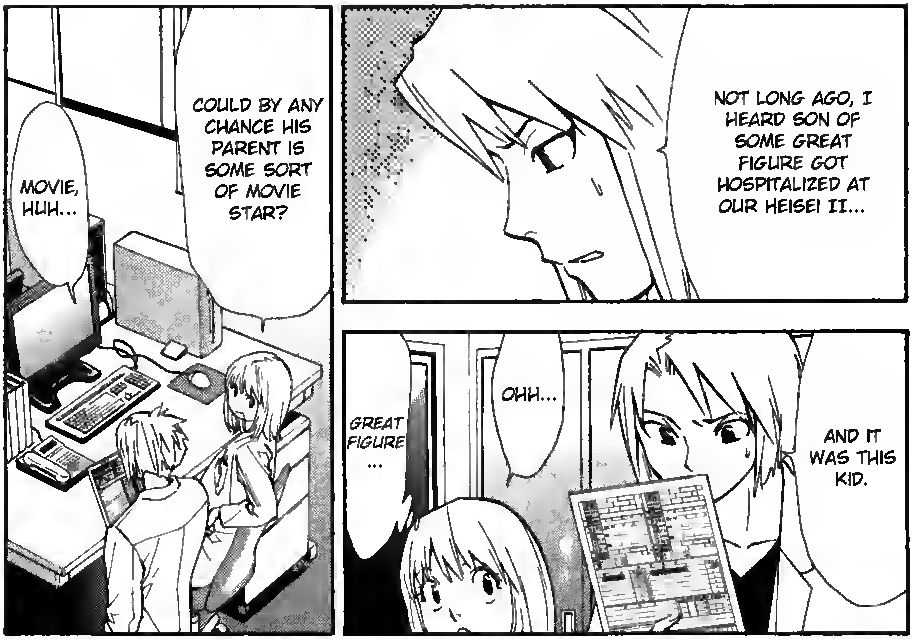
WH-WHAT'S WRONG?
...I KNEW IT.


NOT LONG AGO, I HEARD SON OF SOME GREAT FIGURE GOT HOSPITALIZED AT OUR HEISEI II...
AND IT WAS THIS KID.
OHH...
GREAT FIGURE ...
COULD BY ANY CHANCE HIS PARENT IS SOME SORT OF MOVIE STAR?
MOVIE, HUH...

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WELL, IT'S A PROFESSION OFTEN PORTRAYED IN MOVIES BUT HE'S NOT THE ACTOR.
HIS FATHER IS CARLOS LUCCHESE.
ONE OF WORLD'S TOP 3 SICILIAN MAFIA'S BOSS.

SO THEY THOUGHT TO HAVE SURGERY IN HIS MOTHER'S HOMELAND WHICH ALSO HAS GOOD MEDICAL SUPPORT.
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YEAH
SO DR.MUNAKATA WAS INTRODUCED TO RIKIYA BY YOUR FATHER WHO WAS IN TRADING BUSINESS?
AS A MAFIA'S SON, HAVING A SURGERY IN ITALY COULD RISE VARIOUS PROBLEMS.
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...THAT'S TOO BAD...
THINGS JUST TURNED SOUTH FROM THEN.
AND THE MOMENT WE FOUND OUT IT RELAPSED, THE SURGEON IN CHARGE SUDDENLY WENT MISSING...
WELL... IN THE END RIKIYA'S TUMOR RELAPSED ...
WAIT, THE SURGEON IN CHARGE WENT MISSING?!
WHAT, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

THAT'S WHY WE NEED DR. SAIJOU TO DO THIS, ISN'T IT?
JUDGING FROM WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH, THAT'S NOT A STRANGE THING WHEN YOU FAIL.
I WAS ALSO PAINED WHEN I HEARD ONE OF MY MAN WENT MISSING.
WELL, DON'T WORRY.
...B-BUT HOWEVER GENIUS HE IS, THAT IS...
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FWIUHHH
BUT ONCE I GET USED TO IT, I UNEXPECTEDLY FEEL FINE WITH IT.

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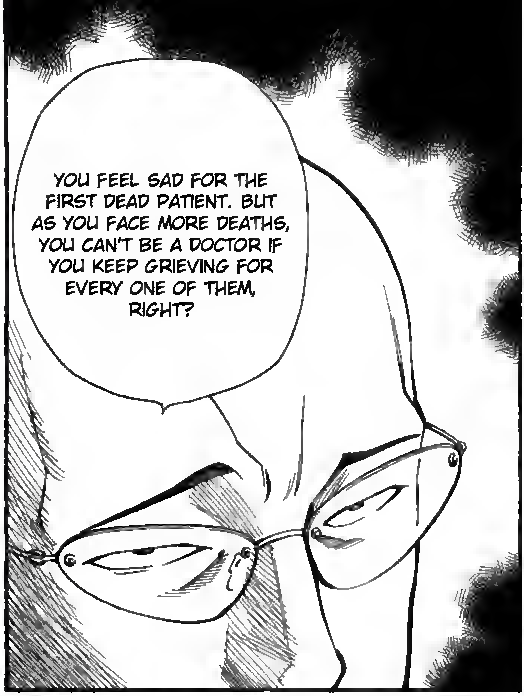
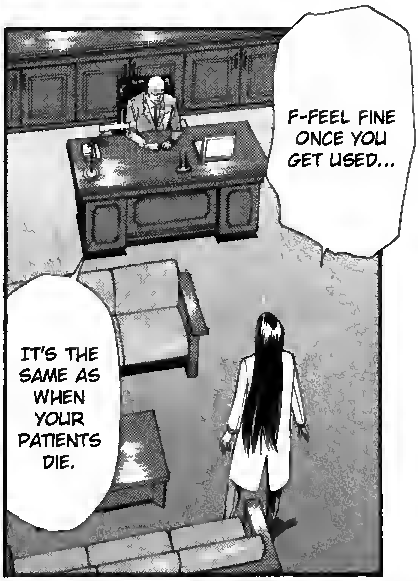
CHAPTER 50:
PROFESSION


YOU FEEL SAD FOR THE FIRST DEAD PATIENT. BUT AS YOU FACE MORE DEATHS, YOU CAN'T BE A DOCTOR IF YOU KEEP GRIEVING FOR EVERY ONE OF THEM, RIGHT?


F-FEEL FINE ONCE YOU GET USED...
IT'S THE SAME AS WHEN YOUR PATIENTS DIE.

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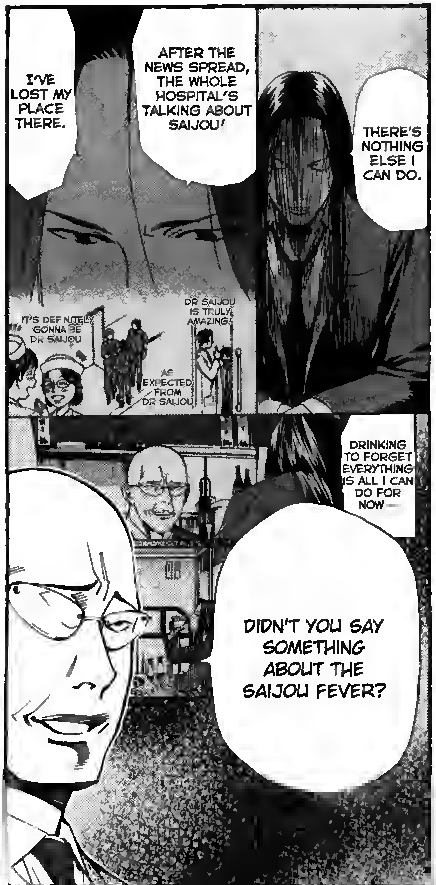
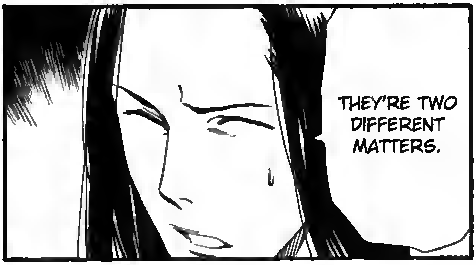
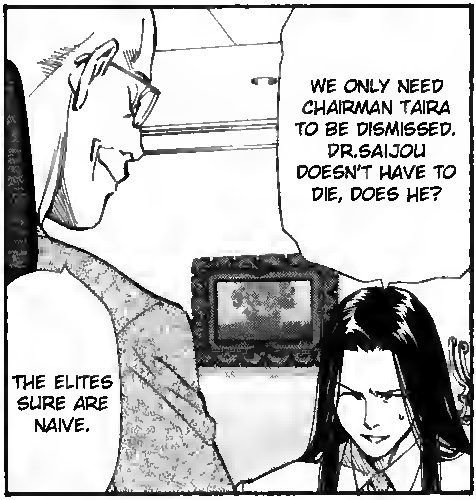

I'VE LOST MY PLACE THERE.
AFTER THE NEWS SPREAD, THE WHOLE HOSPITAL'S TALKING ABOUT SAIJOU!
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO.
IT'S DEFINITELY GONNA BE DR. SAIJOU
DR. SAIJOU IS TRULY AMAZING!
AS EXPECTED FROM DR. SAIJOU!
DRINKING TO FORGET EVERYTHING IS ALL I CAN DO FOR NOW—
DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE SAIJOU FEVER?


THEY'RE TWO DIFFERENT MATTERS.


WE ONLY NEED CHAIRMAN TAIRA TO BE DISMISSED. DR.SAIJOU DOESN'T HAVE TO DIE, DOES HE?
THE ELITES SURE ARE NAIVE.

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THERE IS NO OTHER WAY THAN TO ELIMINATE SAIJOU.
AS LONG AS SUCH AN INFLUENTIAL PERSON EXISTS IN THIS HOSPITAL, EVEN AFTER WE TAKE TAIRA DOWN, SAIJOU CAN STILL REPLACE HIM.
DON'T MAKE SUCH A SCARY FACE.
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WHAT A CUNNING MAN...
IT'S NOT LIKE WE ORDERED THEM TO.
WHETHER TO FINISH SAIJOU OFF OR NOT WILL DEPEND ON THOSE GUYS.

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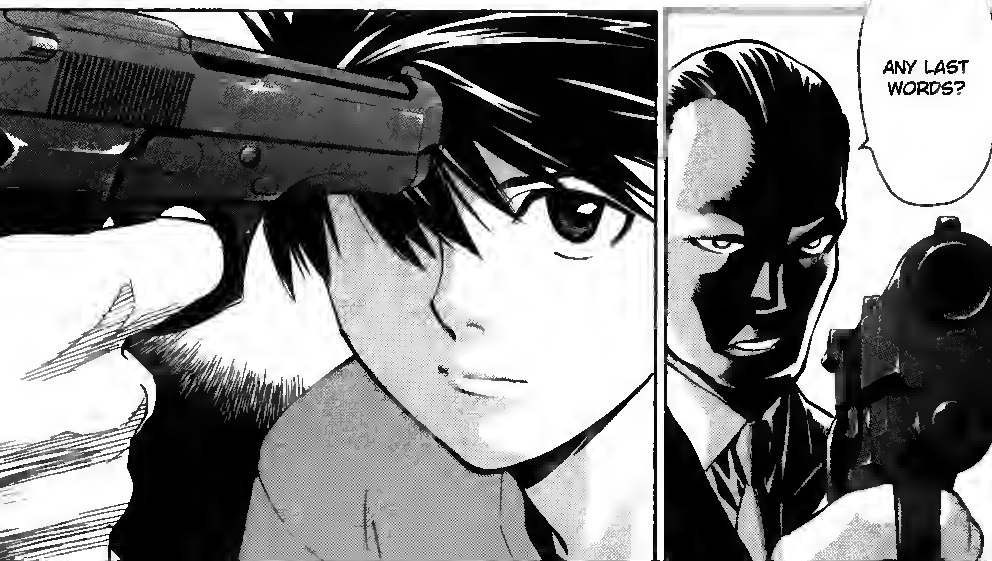
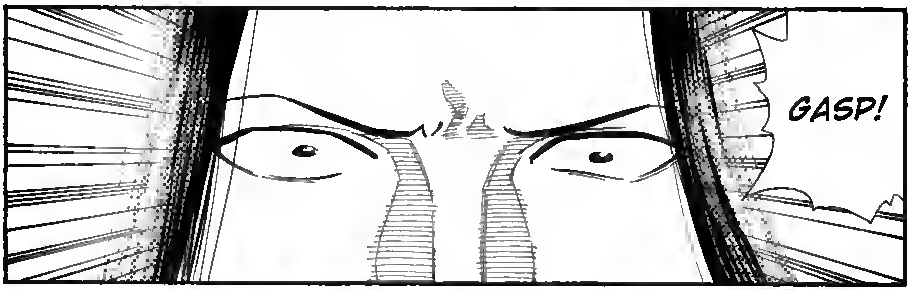


BANG

CREAK
YOU'VE GOT GUTS.

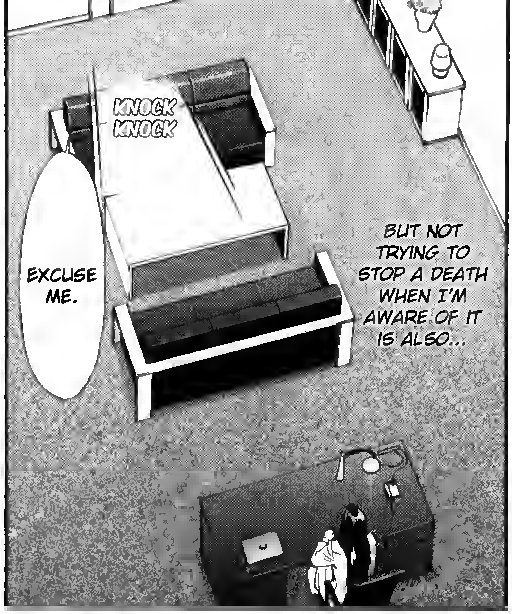

GASP!

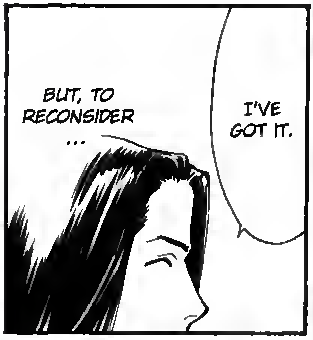
TRUTHFULLY SPEAKING, I DON'T CARE WHATEVER HAPPENS TO SAIJOU.

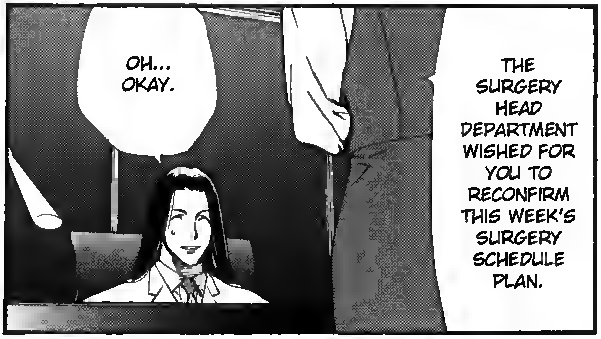
I-IT WAS A DREAM...

look around

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK
KAWAMURA MINA


KNOCK KNOCK
EXCUSE ME.
BUT NOT TRYING TO STOP A DEATH WHEN I'M AWARE OF IT IS ALSO...


BUT, TO RECONSIDER ...
I'VE GOT IT.


OH... OKAY.
THE SURGERY HEAD DEPARTMENT WISHED FOR YOU TO RECONFIRM THIS WEEK'S SURGERY SCHEDULE PLAN.

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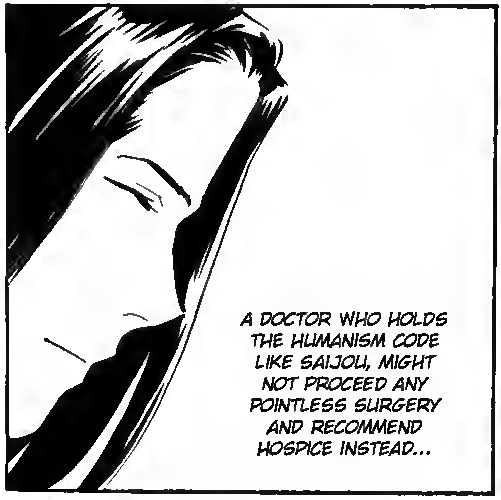
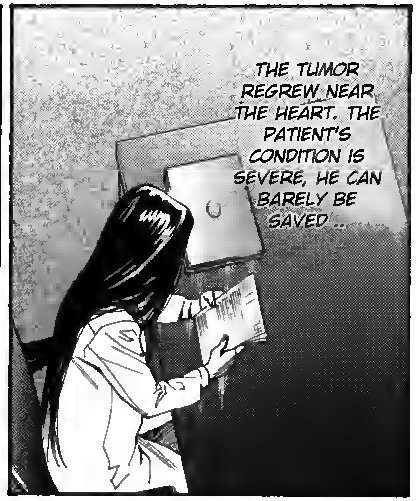
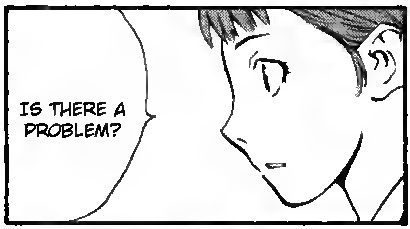
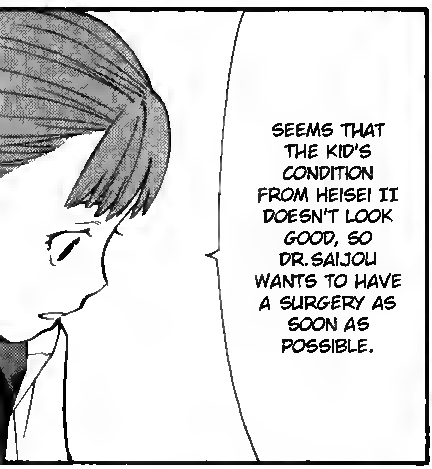

A DOCTOR WHO HOLDS THE HUMANISM CODE LIKE SAIJOU, MIGHT NOT PROCEED ANY POINTLESS SURGERY AND RECOMMEND HOSPICE INSTEAD...

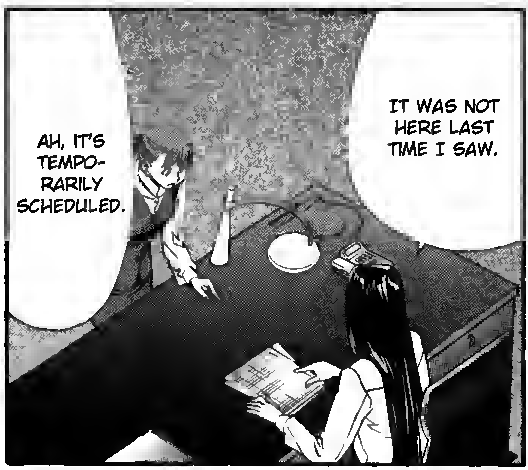

THE TUMOR REGREW NEAR THE HEART. THE PATIENT'S CONDITION IS SEVERE, HE CAN BARELY BE SAVED ...

WHAT'S THIS SURGERY PLANNED FOR DR.SAIJOU ON THIS WEEKEND?

HUH?


IS THERE A PROBLEM?


SEEMS THAT THE KID'S CONDITION FROM HEISEI II DOESN'T LOOK GOOD, SO DR.SAIJOU WANTS TO HAVE A SURGERY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.


AH, IT'S TEMPO-RARILY SCHEDULED.
IT WAS NOT HERE LAST TIME I SAW.

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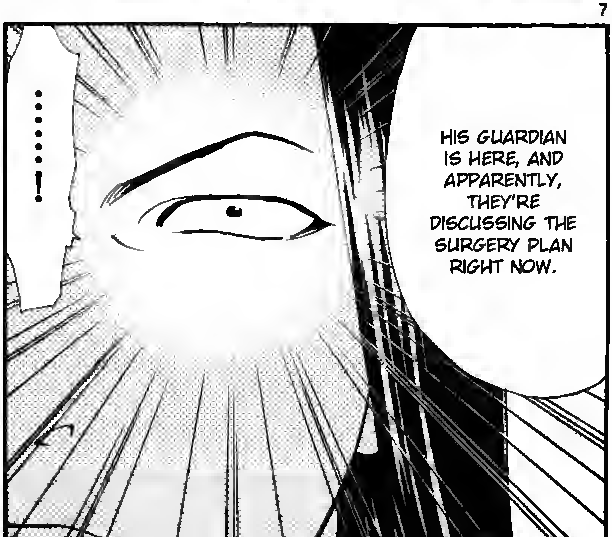
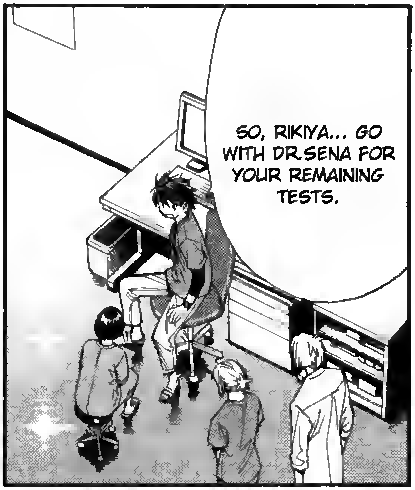
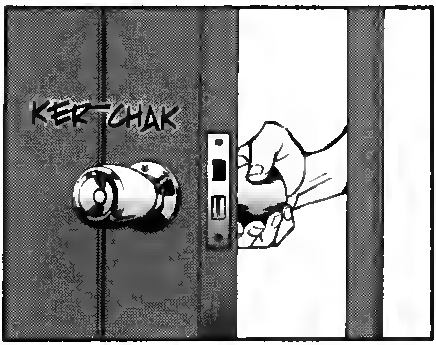

.....!
HIS GUARDIAN IS HERE, AND APPARENTLY, THEY'RE DISCUSSING THE SURGERY PLAN RIGHT NOW.

OKAY.
CARLOS LUCCHESE'S SON
RIKIYA LUCCHESE
(11 YEARS OLD)


SO, RIKIYA... GO WITH DR.SENA FOR YOUR REMAINING TESTS.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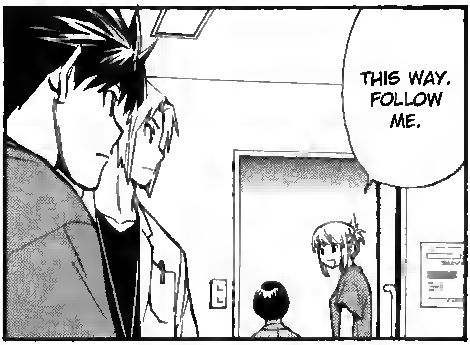
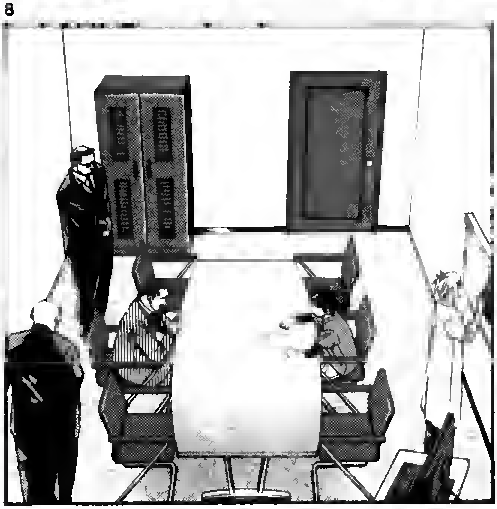

THIS WAY. FOLLOW ME.



I'M SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

SICILIAN MAFIA BOSS
CARLOS LUCCHESE

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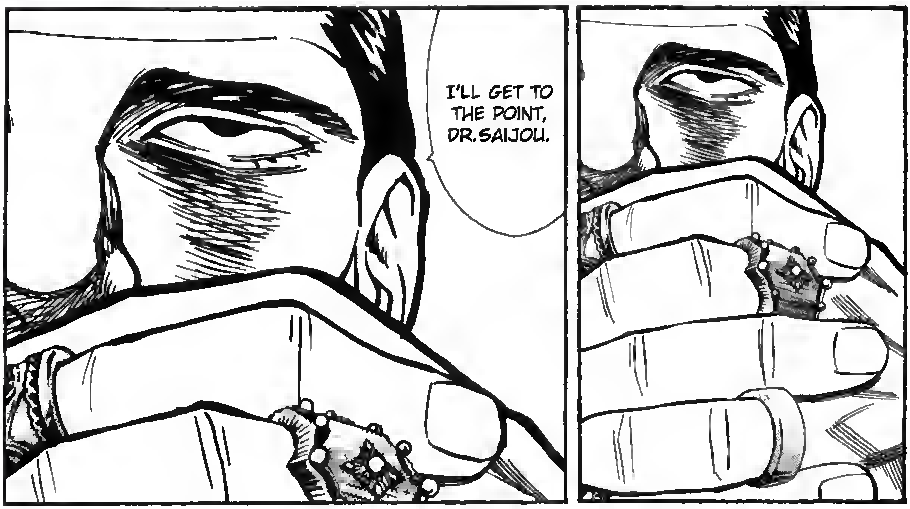
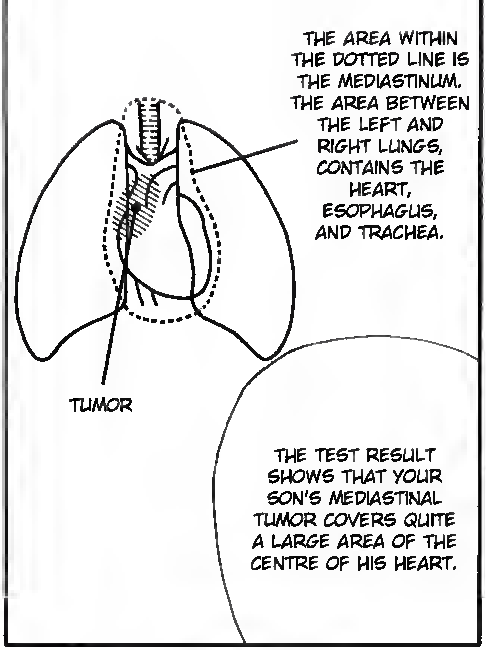
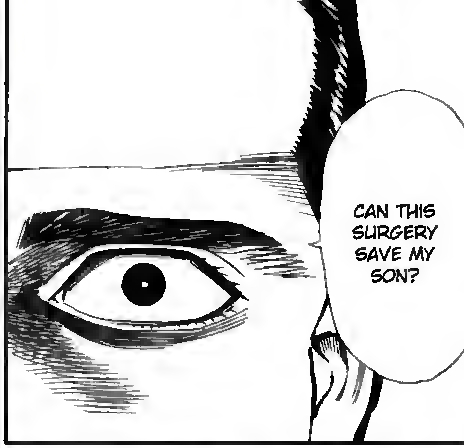

I'LL GET TO THE POINT, DR. SAIJOU.


THE AREA WITHIN THE DOTTED LINE IS THE MEDIASTINUM. THE AREA BETWEEN THE LEFT AND RIGHT LUNGS, CONTAINS THE HEART, ESOPHAGUS, AND TRACHEA.
TUMOR
THE TEST RESULT SHOWS THAT YOUR SON'S MEDIASTINAL TUMOR COVERS QUITE A LARGE AREA OF THE CENTRE OF HIS HEART.


CAN THIS SURGERY SAVE MY SON?

I'M SORRY TO SAY, WE DON'T KNOW.

I'M NOT ASKING FOR THE MEDICAL EXPLANATION.
AS FOR ITS SIZE, LOCATION AND INFILTRATION RATE, IT CAN NOT BE ACCURATELY DETERMINED WITHOUT SURGERY.

I'M ASKING WHETHER HE CAN BE SAVED OR NOT.

.....
WE DON'T KNOW.
MIKOTO'S DOING GREAT BY NOT CHICKENING OUT, BUT HE'S TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO HANDLE.
THIS OLD MAN'S TRULY INTIMIDATING.
NOTHING IS CERTAIN IN THIS JOB.
EXACTLY.
LET ME REPHRASE MYSELF, SO YOU'RE GOING CUT SOMEONE'S BODY WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING?
ANYONE CAN KILL, BUT DIFFERENT FROM YOU, OUR JOB IS TO PROLONG HUMAN LIVES.

USING THAT AS AN EXCUSE, YOU ESCAPE YOUR FAILURE WITH IGNORANCE.
THAT'S A LOUSY EXCUSE.
A QUACK LIKE YOU IS BETTER THAN ME?
AM I WRONG ?
SAYING IT CAN'T BE HELPED, YOU'RE JUSTIFYING YOUR SIN OF MURDER.

IT'S ABOUT YOUR DEAR SON. I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE UNSATISFIED WITH A HALF-WITTED ANSWER.
WH-WHAT DID YOU SAY...
HOLD IT, AYAME.
PERHAPS EVEN MORE THAN YOU.
BUT OUR WISH TO SAVE HIM IS THE SAME AS YOURS.
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THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SUR-PRISED OF.
YOU BARELY KNOW MY SON.
HA! HAHAHA, FUNNY!

WE'RE MERELY THE OPPOSITE OF THAT.
THERE ARE ALSO THOSE WHO KILL PEOPLE THEY BARELY KNOW.

SORRY.

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I KNOW THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO SAVE MY SON THAN SURGERY, BUT I REALLY WISH TO.
!?

WHAT, SO THAT WAS IT...
BUT SINCE THE TUMOR RELAPSED, TO BE HONEST, I DON'T TRUST DOCTORS ANYMORE...
SO I TESTED YOU PEOPLE...
AH, NO... YOU DON'T HAVE TO-...
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW IT WOULD HURT YOU...
I'VE SAID RUDE THINGS, ESPECIALLY TO YOU.
I WAS SURE-....
15
DUE TO MY PROFESSION, I'M ALWAYS EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS.
HUH?
HE KNEW?

YOUR PAST SURGERY PERFORMANCES, MEDICAL RECORD, THE HOSPITAL STAFF'S OPINION ON YOU, FAMILY LINE...
ONCE DR.MUNAKATA SAID THAT YOU'LL PROBABLY BECOME THE SURGEON AND ASSISTANT, I DUG INTO YOU IMMEDIATELY.
...!
OF COURSE, YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER AS WELL.
16
GEEZ, THAT MAN KNOWS NO LIMIT.

HE HE HE.
THAT'S ALMOST THE SAME AS A WARNING NOT TO MESS UP WITH THE TREATMENT.
PUTTING OUR PAST SURGERY RECORDS ASIDE, HE EVEN LOOKED INTO OUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS AND THINGS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS SON'S TREATMENT.

HEY, LOOK HERE ...
YOU SEE, DESPITE HIS LOOK, HE TRULY LOVES HIS SON.
HE'S CUTE.
C-CUTE EE??

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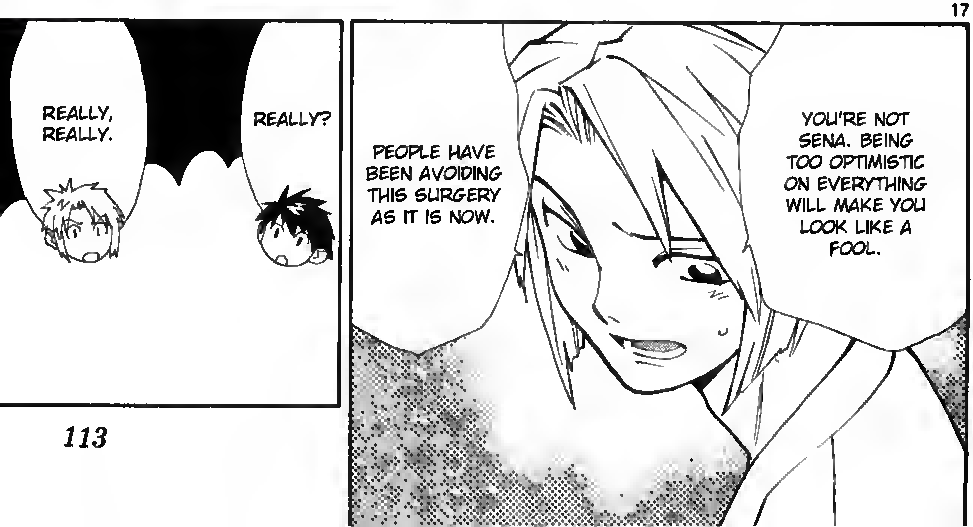
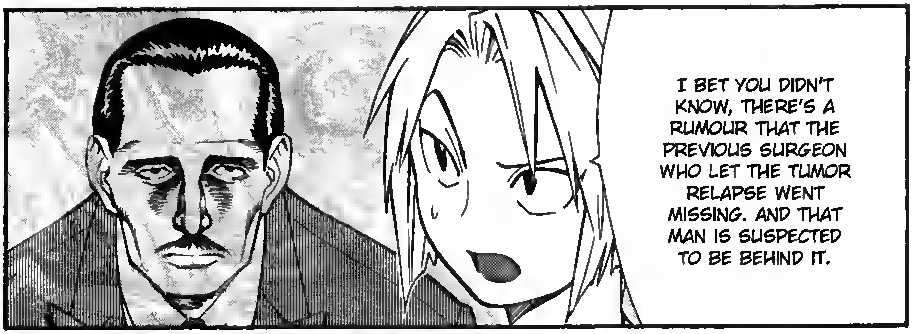

REALLY, REALLY.
REALLY?
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AVOIDING THIS SURGERY AS IT IS NOW.
YOU'RE NOT SENA. BEING TOO OPTIMISTIC ON EVERYTHING WILL MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE A FOOL.


I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW, THERE'S A RUMOUR THAT THE PREVIOUS SURGEON WHO LET THE TUMOR RELAPSE WENT MISSING. AND THAT MAN IS SUSPECTED TO BE BEHIND IT.

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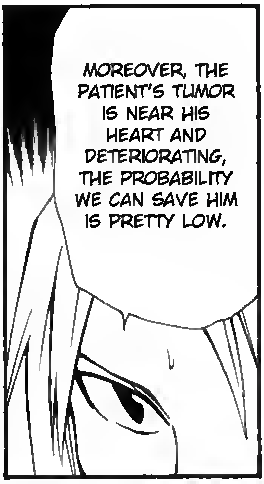
GOT IT, MIKOTO?
THE WORLD IS NOT FILLED WITH IDIOTS FROM OUR PEDIATRIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT.

TRUTHFULLY SPEAKING, EVERYONE WISHES TO STAY AWAY FROM THIS SURGERY.


MOREOVER, THE PATIENT'S TUMOR IS NEAR HIS HEART AND DETERIORATING, THE PROBABILITY WE CAN SAVE HIM IS PRETTY LOW.

AT THIS RATE, MEDICAL ENGINEERS, SCRUB NURSES, CIRCULATION NURSES...
WE MIGHT NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO GATHER ENOUGH STAFF NEEDED FOR THAT SURGERY.

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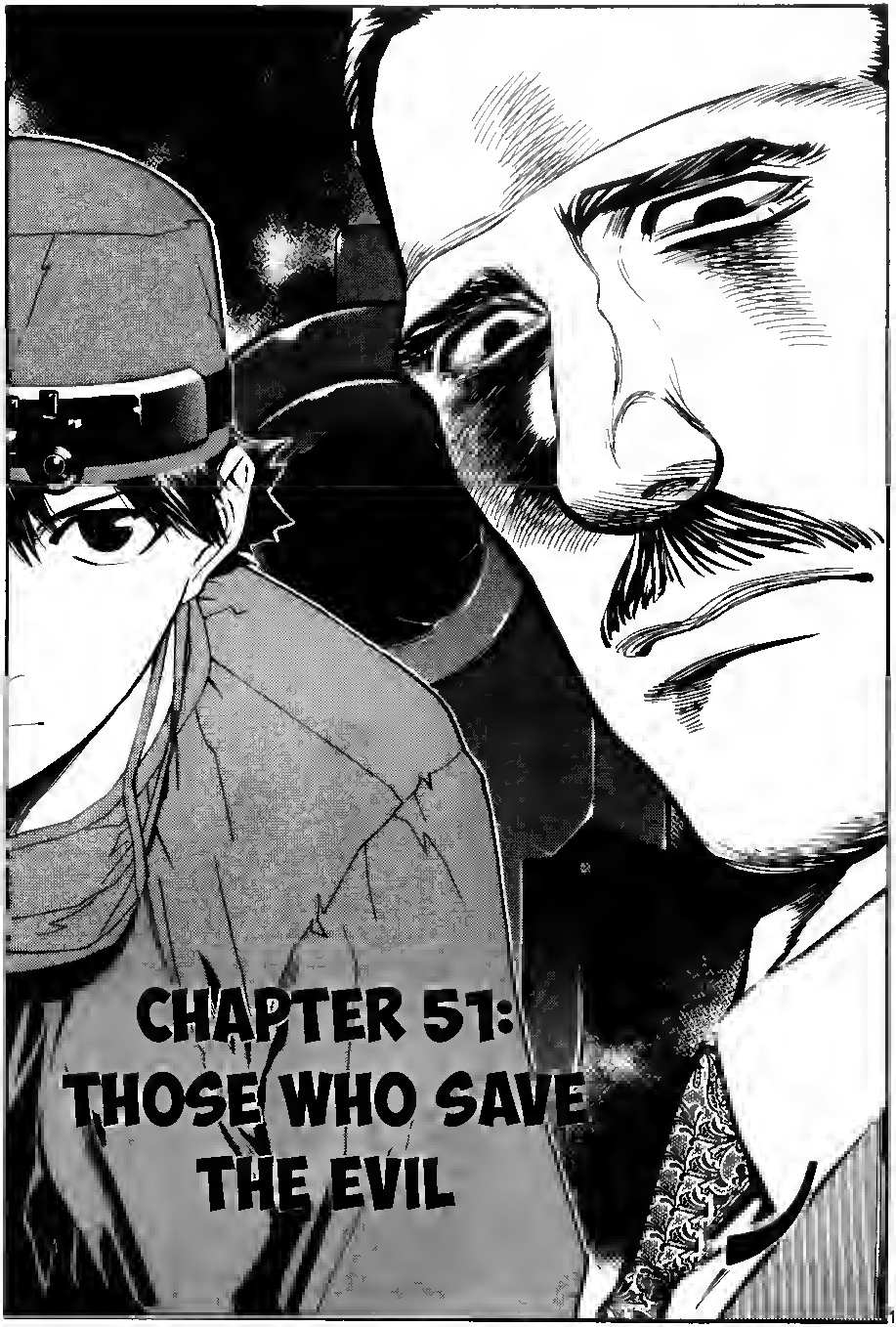

CHAPTER 51:
THOSE WHO SAVE
THE EVIL

PHEW ...
IT WAS NO GOOD.
clo-tack
A FEW DAYS LATER
Y-YES, I SEE.
I UNDERSTAND.
I JUST SPOKE TO THE HEAD NURSE, BUT SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T WANT HER UNIT TO BE IN THE SURGERY OF SUCH A DANGEROUS MAN'S SON.
SEE? I TOLD YOU SO.
IT WAS THE SAME. NO ONE WANTED TO JOIN.
AND THE MEDICAL ENGINEER?

*A medical engineer operates medical machines, such as the heart-lung machine, under the surgeon's instruction. It is officially called a Biomedical Engineer

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST THEN?
THAT WILL MAKE US NO DIFFERENT FROM MAFIAS ...
CALM DOWN.
HEY, HEY ...
NOW THAT IT HAS COME TO THIS, WE SHOULD JUST USE HIS SON TO MAKE HIM FORCE THOSE PEOPLE TO JOIN US...
M-ME TOO!
FOR EXAMPLE, I CAN BE YOUR MEDICAL ENGINEER ....
I THINK THIS WILL WORK OUT SOMEHOW.
THE ANAES-THETIST IS ME, OF COURSE.
I'LL BE THE CIRCU-LATION NURSE.
I'LL BE SECOND ASSISTANT, THEN.
I'LL BE THE SCRUB NURSE!

GEEZ, THESE GUYS ARE TRULY A BUNCH OF IDIOTS...
SIGH ...
GUYS...
ABOUT THAT,
NOT ONLY IS THE PATIENT'S CONDITION NOT GOOD, THE FACT THAT THE SURGEON IS MISSING...
BUT TO BE HONEST, MIKOTO, I'M NOT REALLY FEELING UP FOR THIS YET.
WELL, IT MIGHT SOUND LIKE SO WHEN YOU SAY IT THAT WAY.
BUT THERE IS NO ONE ELSE.
BUT THINKING ABOUT IT AGAIN...
HUH?
WAS IT REALLY THAT MAN'S DOING?

SURGERY D-DAY...
I REALLY CAN'T IMAGINE HIM BEING THE ONE BEHIND IT.
?

SECOND ASSISTANT, SAKAMOTO RYUU -MA
FIRST ASSISTANT, KIRYUU AYAME
SURGEON, SAIJOU MIKOTO
IN THE 2ND FLOOR OBSERVER ROOM: MUNAKATA SHOUZO, KIRYUU SADAME, NOGUCHI HIDETOSHI, 3 OTHER DOCTORS.
SCRUB NURSE, SENA MARIA
CIRCULATION NURSE, SHIRANUI DAIKI
ANAESTHETIST, KOUSHIMA MIYABI

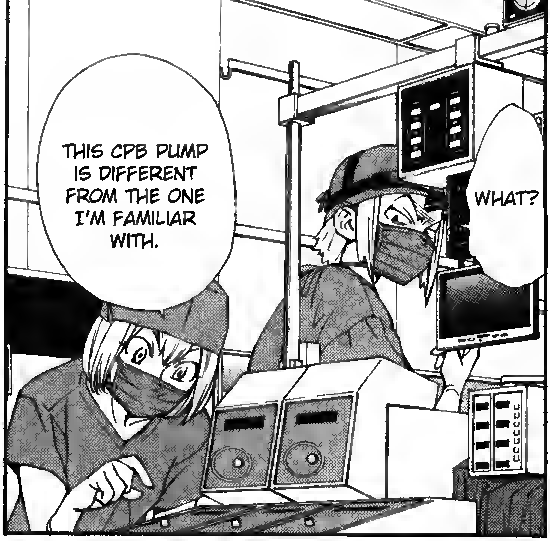
SOME FEW?
DOCTORS?
OBSERVERS IN O.R. SOME FEW... DOCTORS...
WAIT A SECOND!
WHY ARE YOU IN THIS ROOM?
WHY, YOU ASK.
NOWADAYS, SOME HOSPITALS ALLOW THE PATIENT'S PARENT TO BE IN THE O.R, RIGHT?
I'VE GOT PERMISSION FROM DIRECTOR NOGUCHI. ANY PROBLEMS?

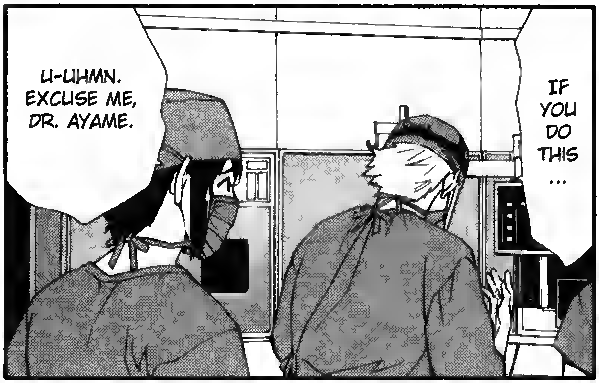
YOUR BROTHER IS AGITATED WHEN HE SAW LUCHESSE, JUST AS PREDICTED.
KHEHEHE. LOOK AT THAT.
WHAT'S WRONG? I THOUGHT YOU HATE YOUR BROTHER.
!!!
HA HA HA
LOOKING AT HOW THINGS ARE GOING, THE SURGERY IS GONNA FAIL TO OUR FAVOR.
.....
H-HAHA ...
PUT AWAY THAT POKER FACE AND LAUGH TO YOUR HEART.
Pat pat
THIS OBSERVER ROOM IS ONLY FILLED WITH OUR PEOPLE SINCE EVERYONE WANTED TO AVOID THAT MAFIA.

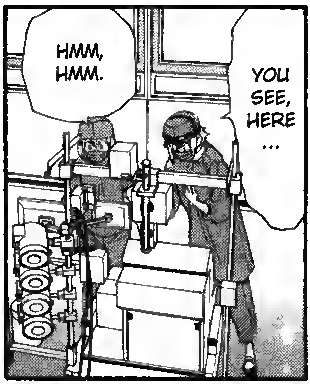
THE MAIN REASON WE PUT SAIJOU IN THIS SURGERY IS BECAUSE THE RELAPSED TUMOR NEAR THE PATIENT'S HEART HAS FAR DETERIORATED. IT WAS BECAUSE THE SURGERY'S FAILURE IS AS BRIGHT AS DAYLIGHT.
HEY, MUNAKATA. AREN'T YOU BEING OBSCENE?
OBSCENE ?
REGARDLESS OF WHO IT IS, YOU SHOULDN'T LAUGH AT A SURGERY FAILURE.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY NOW?
B-BUT ...
LAUGH OR NOT, I HAVE NEVER ASSUMED THAT THIS SURGERY IS GOING TO SUCCEED.
EXCUSES AND AVOIDANCES WILL ONLY MAKE YOU LOOK PATHETIC.
NO MATTER HOW SAINTLY YOU TRY TO ACT, YOU'RE ALREADY AN ACCOMPLICE.
.....

CLA TANK
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE ASSISTANT, BUT I CAN'T SEEM TO GET USED TO THE NURSE'S WORK OF ARRANGING THESE TOOLS...
SIGH, WE NEED TO REDO IT ALL OVER AGAIN.
I-I'M SORRY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SENA?
CLANK
CLANK
HEY, HEY, AYA BRO.
ARGHHH, SERIOUSLY
...

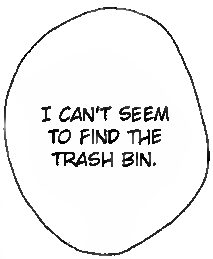
I DON'T REALLY GET THIS ONE.
WADDCHA SAY?!

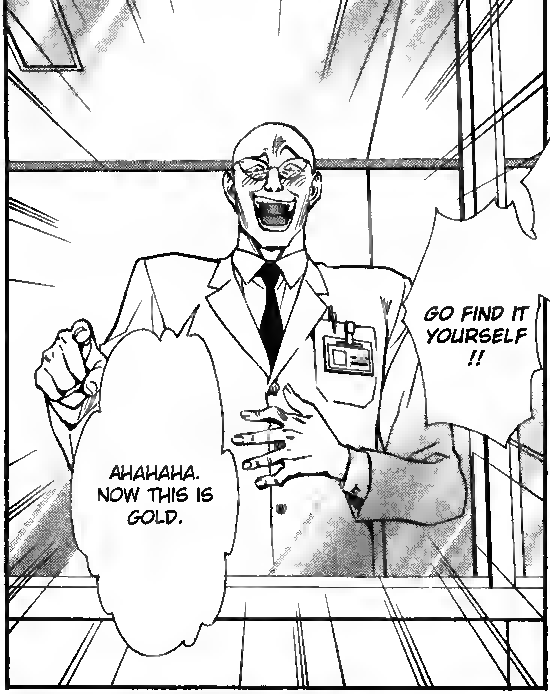

THIS CPB PUMP IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE I'M FAMILIAR WITH.
WHAT?

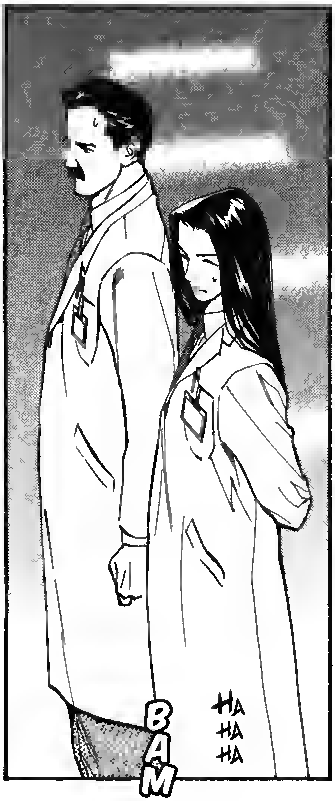

IF YOU DO THIS ...
U-UHMN. EXCUSE ME, DR. AYAME.

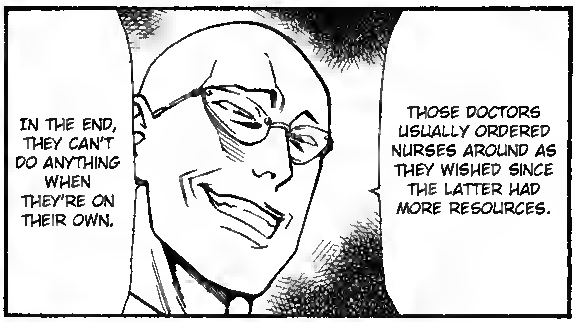

YOU SEE, HERE ...
HMM, HMM.

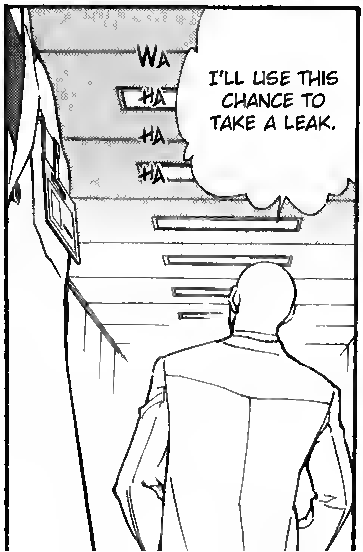
GOT A SECOND?
WHAT IS IT AGAIN THIS TIME?


I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE TRASH BIN.


AHAHAHA. NOW THIS IS GOLD.
GO FIND IT YOURSELF !!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!?
DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?


BAM
HA HA HA

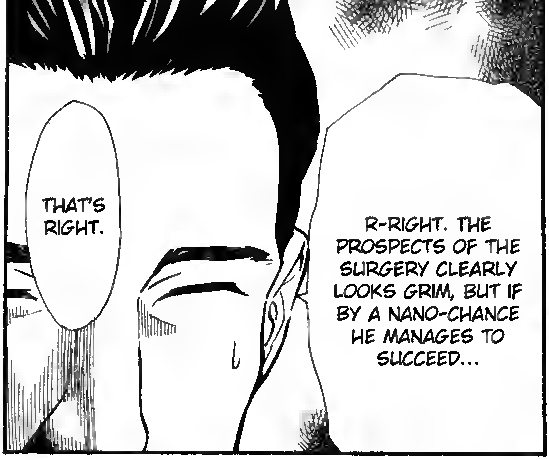

IN THE END, THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING WHEN THEY'RE ON THEIR OWN.
THOSE DOCTORS USUALLY ORDERED NURSES AROUND AS THEY WISHED SINCE THE LATTER HAD MORE RESOURCES.


WA HA HA HA
I'LL USE THIS CHANCE TO TAKE A LEAK.

AT THIS RATE, MUCH LESS FAILING, THE SURGERY ITSELF WILL NEVER START.

I'VE NEVER EXPECTED THAT COMING FROM YOU.
YET...
HMPH.
I'M SICK OF HIM.
HE HAS BEEN A GREEDY MAN SINCE LONG, BUT AT LEAST HE STILL HAD SOME MORALS.
YEP. SINCE THEN HE'S COMPLETELY N DEBT TO ME
I, THEN—
THERE WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF
HE CAN'T REFUSE ME NO MATTER WHAT
I TOOK THE BLAME AS THE ANESTHETIC AND COVERED IT UP.
UWAAAAHH!!!
SHEESH, LOOSEN UP NOGUCHI!
WHAT HAPPENED?
N-NO!! THIS IS BAD!!
ONCE GREEDY, THEY WILL ONLY KEEP WALKING DOWN THE EVIL PATH.
W-WELL, I CAN'T DENY THAT.
I'M SURE AS SOMEONE FORCED INTO THIS, YOU UNDERSTAND THIS LOGIC VERY WELL, DON'T YOU?

BUT SINCE I'M INCAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING, I CAN ONLY WAIT FOR GOD TO REACH OUT HIS HAND.
I DON'T RECALL EVER ALLOW-ING IT.
BUT ARE YOU REALLY FINE WITH THIS? ALLOWING SUCH A HEINOUS ACT...
Nod.
GOD'S HAND?
BUT AT THE VERY LEAST, I BELIEVE THAT A GOD-LIKE MAN IS IN THERE.
I'M CERTAINLY NOT A CHRISTIAN NOR DO I BELIEVE IN GOD.


THAT'S RIGHT.
R-RIGHT. THE PROSPECTS OF THE SURGERY CLEARLY LOOKS GRIM, BUT IF BY A NANO-CHANCE HE MANAGES TO SUCCEED...

.....
DON'T YOU AGREE?

IF HE DOES, NO ONE HAS TO DIE. PLUS, WE CAN ESCAPE FROM OUR SENSE OF GUILT.

.....
I GUESS IN THE END, ONLY A GOD CAN SAVE THE EVIL.

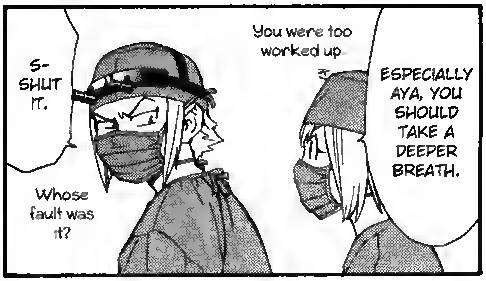
IT SOUNDS PATHETIC COMING FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS DONE PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING TO GET ONTO HIS BAD SIDE, BUT...

GUYS, CALM DOWN.

IT'S A DIFFICULT SURGERY AND THINGS ARE A LOT DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL, BUT WE SHOULD NOT PANIC.

Haaaaaaaaa
Fmmpppppp
FOR STARTERS, LET'S TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

WE CAN START.
OKAY.


You were too worked up.
S-SHUT IT.
Whose fault was it?
ESPECIALLY AYA, YOU SHOULD TAKE A DEEPER BREATH.

GENTLEMEN, THE TOOLS' PREPARATION IS DONE.

WE'LL START THE OPERATION TO REMOVE A MEDIASTENUM TUMOR.
SSS SH
OPENING THE STERNUM.
THAT'S DR. SAIJOU FOR YOU. HE MANAGED TO CALM EVERYONE DOWN. FOR NOW...
WE CAN LET OUT A SIGH OF RELIEF.
BUT AS WE KNOW, FOR TUMORS NEAR THE HEART EVEN GOD HAS A LIMIT TO WHAT HE CAN SAVE DEPENDING ON ITS LOCATION AND CONDITION.
THE PROBLEM IS HOW FAR THE TUMOR HAS DETERIORATED WHICH WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL THEY OPEN HIM UP.
... YEAH.
DISSECTED OFF UPPER PERICARDIUM. FOUND A TUMOR ON THE RIGHT ATRIUM AREA.

WAIT, WHAT IS THIS?
YEP... IT'S BIG, BUT STILL WITHIN OUR PREDICTION.
FOUND ANOTHER TUMOR ON THE RIGHT VENTRICULAR AREA.
HEY, MIKOTO. THIS...
THERE ARE TWO TUMORS!

ANYONE! PLEASE! SIGN YOURSELF UP AND SAVE US!!
IF ONLY MORE STAFFS APPLIED IN, THAT'LL BE MUCH HELP FOR US.
HE SNAPPED BECAUSE OF HIS WORKLOAD.

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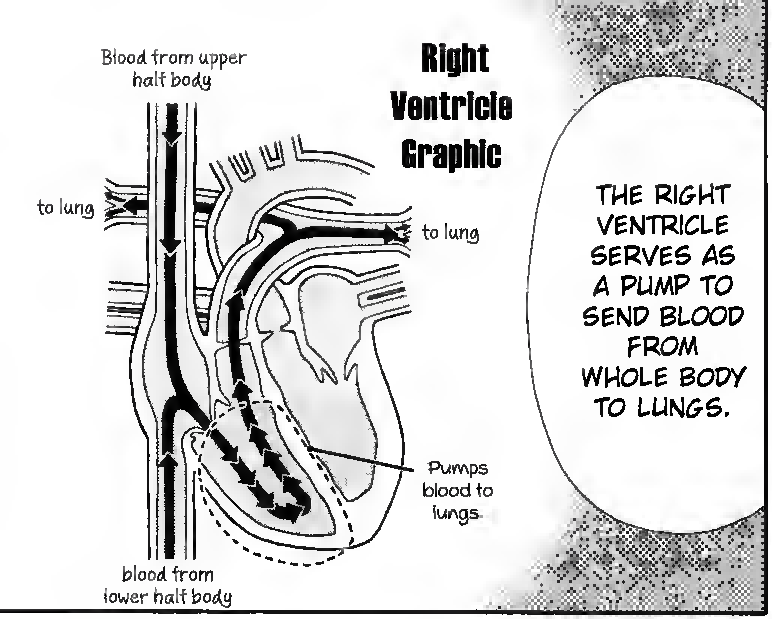
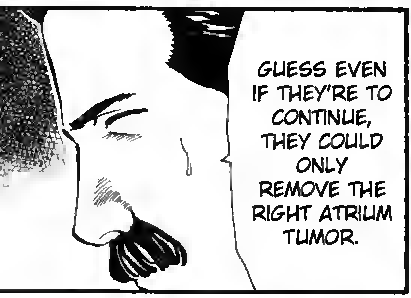
CHAPTER 52:
WHENEVER IT IS
THERE ARE TWO TUMORS!
Tumor

MR. LUCHESSE, CAN WE HAVE A TALK?
TH-THIS IS THE END...
HEART CHAMBERS AND THE LOCATION OF THE TUMORS
the area within the dotted line is the right atrium.
The shaded areas are the tumors
the area within the dotted line is the right ventricle
AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, THE TUMORS GREW ON THE RIGHT ATRIUM AND RIGHT VENTRICLE OF HIS HEART.
ONE TUMOR ON THE HEART IS HARD ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH, AND NOW THERE ARE TWO...
AND IT'S ALSO GROWING AT A BAD PLACE.


Right Ventricle Graphic
Blood from upper half body
to lung
to lung
Pumps blood to lungs.
blood from lower half body
THE RIGHT VENTRICLE SERVES AS A PUMP TO SEND BLOOD FROM WHOLE BODY TO LUNGS.
THE ATRIUM CAN BE REMOVED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, BUT THE SAME CAN'T GO FOR VENTRICLES.

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT...
IF YOU CUT OUT TOO MUCH OF IT, THE MUSCLE WILL LOSE ITS STRENGTH TO PUMP BLOOD TO LUNGS.


GUESS EVEN IF THEY'RE TO CONTINUE, THEY COULD ONLY REMOVE THE RIGHT ATRIUM TUMOR.

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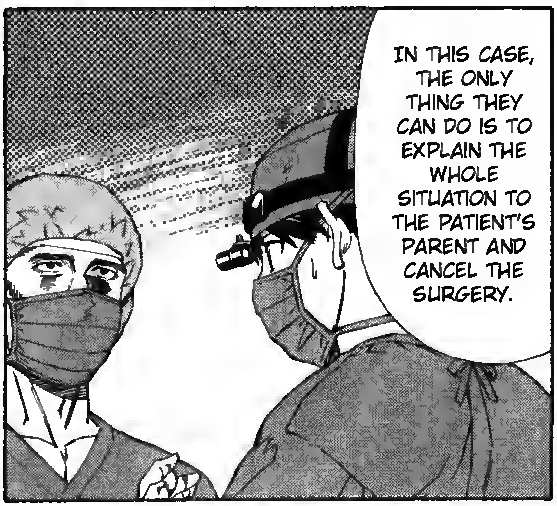
IN THIS CASE, THE ONLY THING THEY CAN DO IS TO EXPLAIN THE WHOLE SITUATION TO THE PATIENT'S PARENT AND CANCEL THE SURGERY.

IF THEY GIVE UP HERE, MAYBE THAT LUCHESSE WON'T DO ANY HARM TO SAIJOU...
.....
BUT MAYBE THIS IS FOR THE BEST.
THE SURGERY MIGHT BE CANCELED, BUT IT CAN'T BE CONSIDERED AS FAILURE. IT WAS SOMETHING BEYOND OUR PRE-SURGERY EXAMINATION.
?
I WISH THAT'S TRUE.
IT'S SAIJOU.
NOT THE MAFIA.
W-WHAT? DO YOU THINK THE MAFIA WILL STILL HARM HIM IN THIS SITUATION...?

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SEE? LOOK THERE.
!?
I THINK THE PROBABILITY OF HIM NOT GIVING UP HERE IS HIGHER.
WITH HIS CAPABILITIES, HE SHOULD NOT HAVE NEEDED THE PUMP TO REMOVE A MERE HEART ATRIUM.
AFTER SPEAKING TO LUCHESSE, HE INSTRUCTED SOMETHING TO NATSUME AND ASKED HIM TO RECHECK THE CPB PUMP.
SURE.
YOU'RE REALLY GONNA DO THAT, MIKOTO?
……!
HE IS PLANNING SOMETHING!

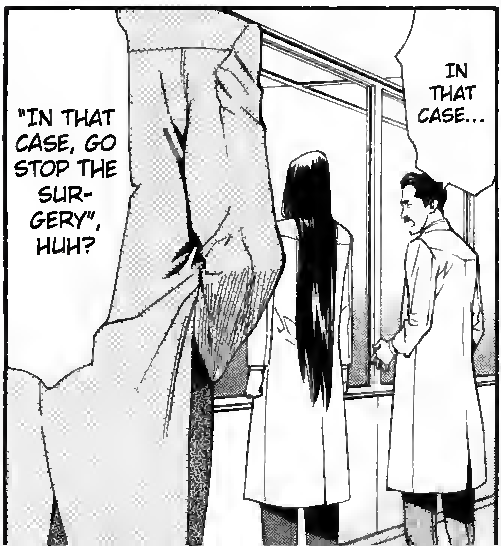
OH, MAN ...
IF I WAS GOING TO BACK OUT OF THIS, I WOULD HAVE NEVER STARTED THIS SURGERY TO BEGIN WITH.
SIGH ...
WE'LL CONTINUE THE SURGERY.
I WAS RIGHT.
WHAT A FOOL...
WHY? DOES HE NEED TO PUSH IT SO FAR?
I THINK YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT MY FAILURE WITH THE SAME SURGERY. AND THE TUMOR WAS ONLY ONE!
UWAAAAA!!
NO!! THIS IS BAD!!

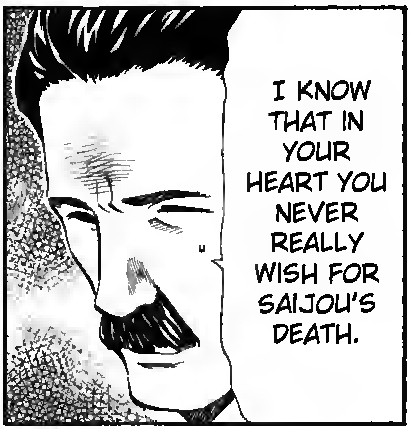
FURTHERMORE, THOSE SCARY GROUP OF PEOPLE THERE MUST BE GIVING HIM MUCH PRESSURE...
BESIDES, THERE SHOULD BE NOTHING HE CAN DO IF THE TUMOR IS ON THE RIGHT VENTRICLE...
AND YET, WHY...
BEATS ME.
HIS STAFFS ARE PRACTICALLY NEWBIES AND ARE NOT EXPERTS OF THE FIELD.
I DON'T GET ALONG WELL WITH HIM, SO I DON'T KNOW HIS REASON IN THIS.
BUT ONE THING I CAN SAY FOR SURE...
DIFFE- RENT FROM YOU AND ME...
THAT IS, WHEN- EVER IT IS...
BUT I'M ALSO OPERATING FOR THE FUTURE IN 20, 30 YEARS, AND NOT JUST THIS PRESENT.
I HAVE DECIDED ON IT... THAT IS ALL.

UNDER WHATEVER CIRCUM-STANCES, HE IS ALWAYS A DOCTOR.
.....!

IS IT EVEN TIME TO TALK ABOUT THAT?
CAN YOU SEE NOW THAT I CAN NEVER BEAT HIM?

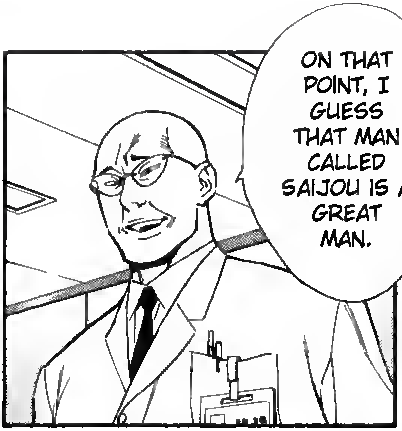
HMPH.


"IN THAT CASE, GO STOP THE SUR-GERY", HUH?
IN THAT CASE...

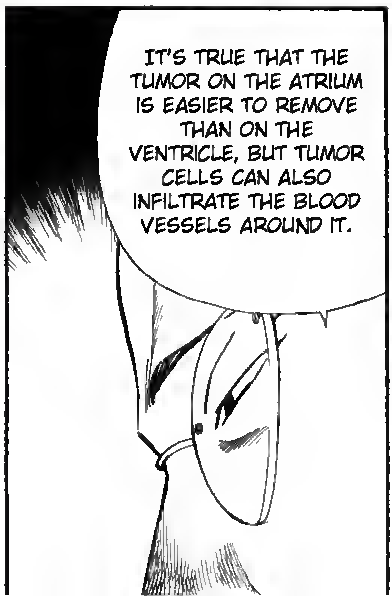

I KNOW THAT IN YOUR HEART YOU NEVER REALLY WISH FOR SAIJOU'S DEATH.

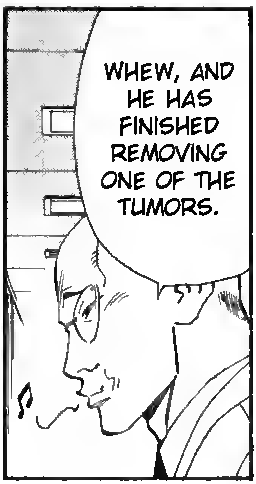
I HEARD YOUR WHOLE CONVERSATION FROM BEHIND THERE.
M-MUNAKATA!
GOING TO THE TOILET WAS A LIE.
IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO GO AGAINST ME, NOW WILL SERVE AS A GOOD TIME.
YOU COULDN'T STAND ON THE EVIL SIDE NOR THE GOOD SIDE.
SERIOUSLY, YOU TWO ARE PITIFUL MEN.
SHEESH, TRULY PATHETIC.
TRY GO STOP THE SURGERY.

LOOK.


ON THAT POINT, I GUESS THAT MAN CALLED SAIJOU IS A GREAT MAN.

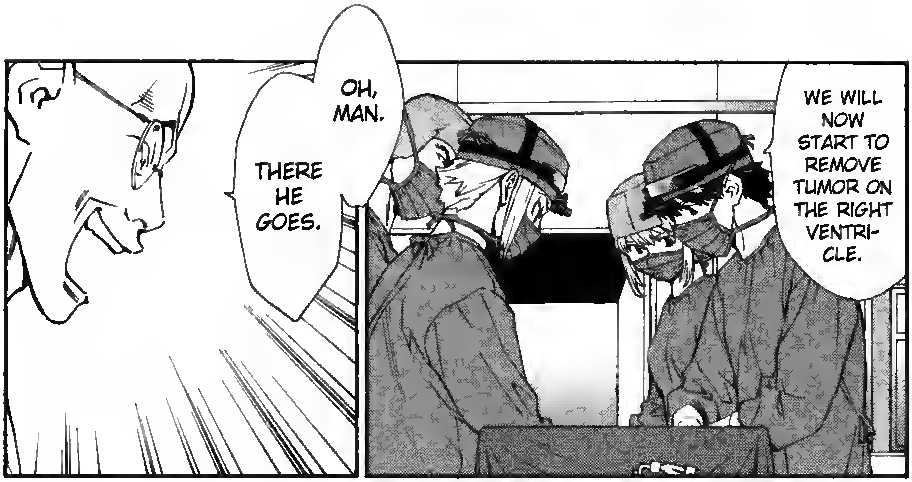
TUMOR ON RIGHT ATRIUM IS REMOVED.
EVEN IN SUCH A GREAT PINCH, HE STILL HOLD SO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

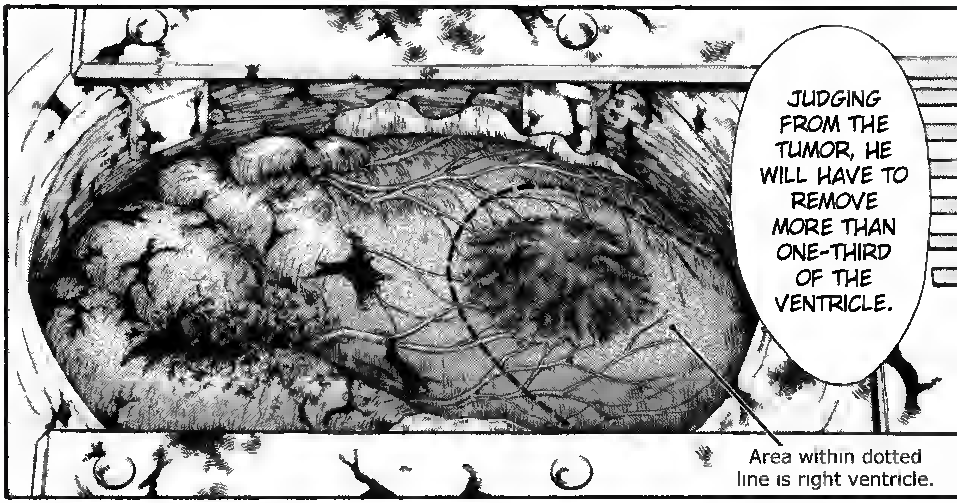

IT'S TRUE THAT THE TUMOR ON THE ATRIUM IS EASIER TO REMOVE THAN ON THE VENTRICLE, BUT TUMOR CELLS CAN ALSO INFILTRATE THE BLOOD VESSELS AROUND IT.

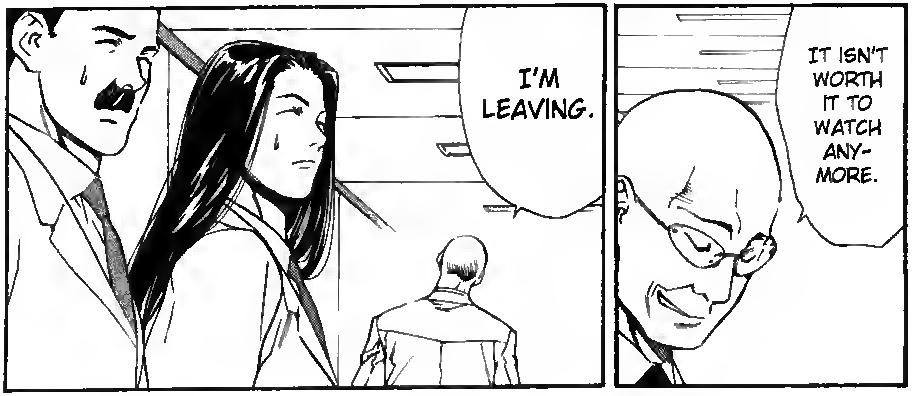

WHEW, AND HE HAS FINISHED REMOVING ONE OF THE TUMORS.

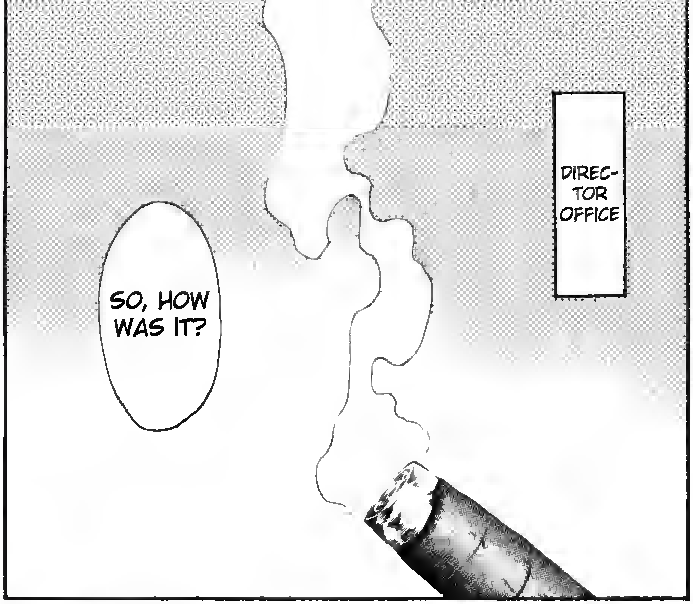
SPLOSH

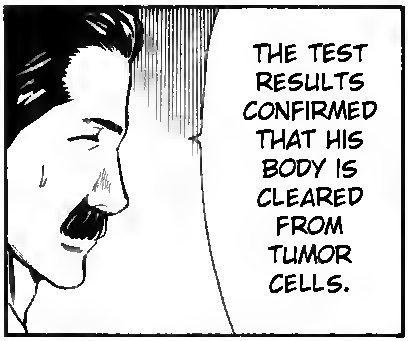
HE IS INDEED NOT JUST SOME ORDINARY DOCTOR, TO BE ABLE TO REMOVE IT SO EASILY.
BUT DESPITE OF HOW INCREDIBLE HE IS, THIS OPERATION'S FAILURE HAS BEEN DETERMINED.
AS YOU SAID, NO MATTER HOW GODLY HE IS, HE CAN'T CHANGE THE MASS OF VENTRICLE MUSCLES.
EVEN IF HE MANAGED TO REMOVE THE TUMOR, THE MUSCLES WOULD WEAKEN AND LACK THE POWER TO SEND BLOOD TO THE LUNGS.
IT MAY LOOK FINE FOR A MOMENT, BUT IT WILL DEFINITELY RAISE HEALTH ISSUES IN THE FUTURE.
OKAY, PEELED OFF THE WHOLE PERICAR-DIUM.

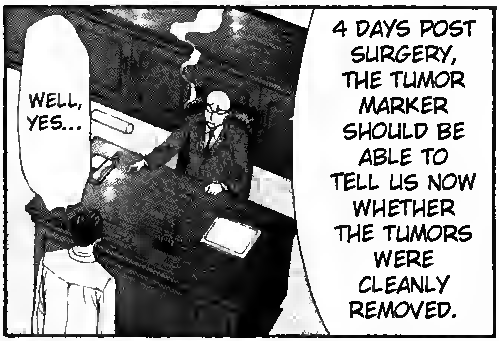

OH, MAN.
THERE HE GOES.
WE WILL NOW START TO REMOVE TUMOR ON THE RIGHT VENTRI-CLE.


JUDGING FROM THE TUMOR, HE WILL HAVE TO REMOVE MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE VENTRICLE.
Area within dotted line is right ventricle.


I'M LEAVING.
IT ISN'T WORTH IT TO WATCH ANY-MORE.







× TUMOR MARKER - A SUBSTANCE PRODUCED BY TUMOR CELLS THE LEVEL OF THIS SUBSTANCE CAN INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF TUMOR

THE TUMOR HAS BEEN CLEANLY REMOVED, BUT SINCE HIS VENTRICLE WAS GREATLY REMOVED THE KID CAN'T LIVE LONG.
I'M GOING TO CALL LUCHESSE AND TELL HIM THE WEAK POINT OF THIS SURGERY.
!!
H-HOW WICKED!
SAIJOU HAS FOOLED YOU. IS WHAT I'M GONNA TELL HIM.
WELL, IT'LL BE OVER IN A FLASH SO WAIT HERE.
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL.
HEY, MUNAKATA. AREN'T YOU GOING TOO FAR..
IT'S THE REAL FACT. DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD EXPLAIN IT PROPERLY TO THE PATIENT?

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LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR, NOTHING YOU SAY CAN SAVE HIM.
YOU'RE WRONG.
NO. PLEASE WAIT, DR. MUNAKATA.
OH, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
FROM WHAT I LEARNT, DR. SAIJOU HAS SOLVED THE WEAK POINT YOU MENTIONED.
IF YOU MAKE THAT CALL, IT IS YOU WHO WILL BE KILLED.
WH-WHAT?!
HMPH. WHAT AN ABSURD BLUFF.

!!!

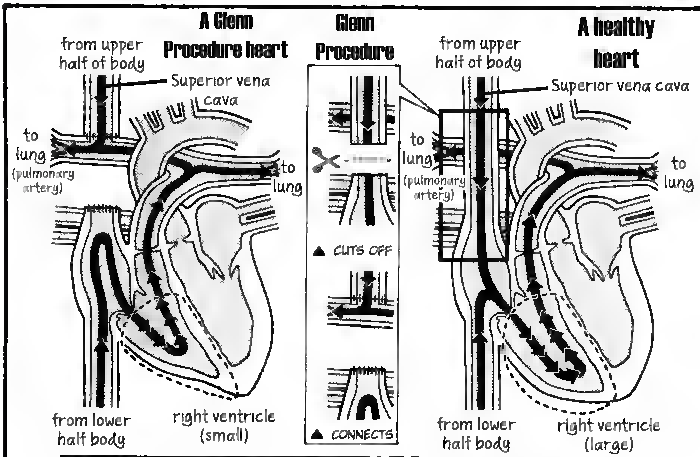
G-GLENN PROCE-DURE?!

THE GLENN PROCE-DURE.

WHAT KIND OF SOLUTION COULD THERE BE AFTER REMOVING SO MUCH OF THE VENTRICLE...

GLENN PROCEDURE IS A PALLIATIVE CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE WHO ARE BORN WITH SMALL RIGHT VENTRICLES.

I'M SURE YOU'RE ALSO FAMILIAR WITH IT.



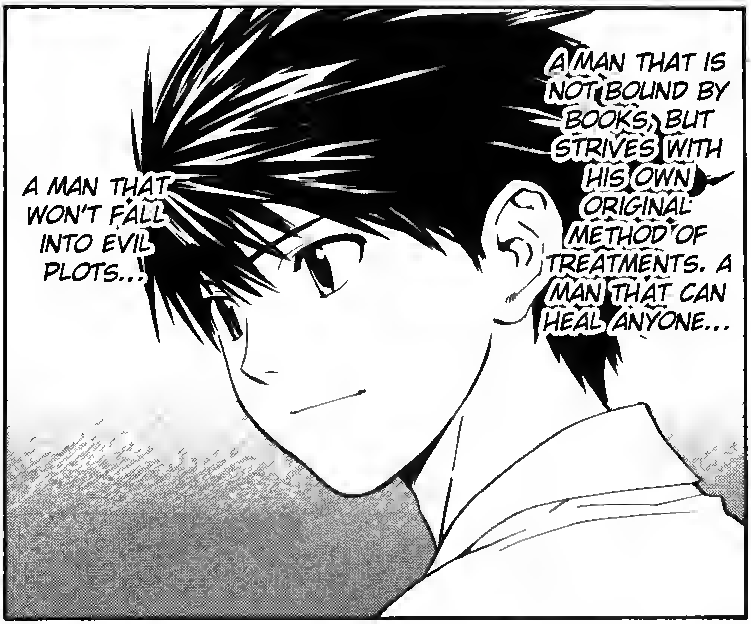
DUE TO TUMOR REMOVAL, THE RIGHT VENTRICLE BECAME SMALLER AND ITS FUNCTION TO PUMP BLOOD TO THE LUNGS IS WEAKENED. BUT WITH THE PROCEDURE AS PICTURED ABOVE, IT'S A WHOLE NEW STORY. THE BLOOD FROM THE UPPER HALF OF THE BODY GOES DIRECTLY TO THE PULMONARY ARTERY, SO A SMALLER VENTRICLE WON'T POSE AN ISSUE

IT'S A WAY OF BYPASSING THE RIGHT VENTRICLE BY CONNECTING THE SUPERIOR VENA CAVA TO PULMONARY ARTERY SO IT WILL REDUCE THE VENTRICLE WORK BURDEN.

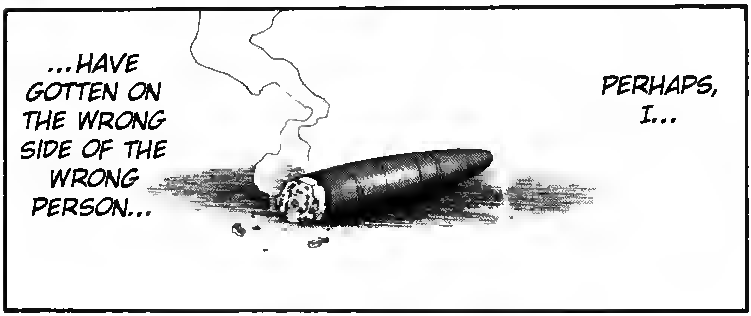
WHAT AN UNBELIEVA-BLE MAN!
RIGHT AFTER WE LEFT.
THE MOMENT HE FOUND THE TUMOR ON THE RIGHT VENTRICLE, HE IMMEDIATELY WENT TO GET CONSENT FROM THE FATHER AND PERFORMED IT ON THE KID.
I'D SAY NO ONE COULD HAVE THOUGHT OF COMBINING THE GLEEN PROCEDURE WITH A MALIGNANT TUMOR REMOVAL.
IT'S PROBABLY THE FIRST IN THE WORLD.
B-BUT, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A METHOD...
.....
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO STEREOTYPE HIM WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE, YOU'LL LOSE PAINFULLY.
HE'LL OVERCOME ANY RISKS OR HURDLES AND USE WHATEVER METHODS THERE ARE TO SAVE HIS PATIENTS.
BUT THAT MAN IS A DOCTOR TO HIS DEEPEST CORE.

IF I HAD MADE THE CALL, HE MIGHT HAVE ME KILLED NSTEAD...
I WAS CARE-LESS.

BY THE WAY, LUCHESSE IS HOLDING A GRAND PARTY TO CELEBRATE HIS SON'S COMPLETE RECOVERY.


A MAN THAT WON'T FALL INTO EVIL PLOTS..!
A MAN THAT IS NOT BOUND BY BOOKS, BUT STRIVES WITH HIS OWN ORIGINAL METHOD OF TREATMENTS. A MAN THAT CAN HEAL ANYONE...

I'VE HEARD THE RUMOUR ABOUT SAIJOU MIKOTO, "THE BEST DOCTOR"...


...HAVE GOTTEN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE WRONG PERSON...
PERHAPS, I...

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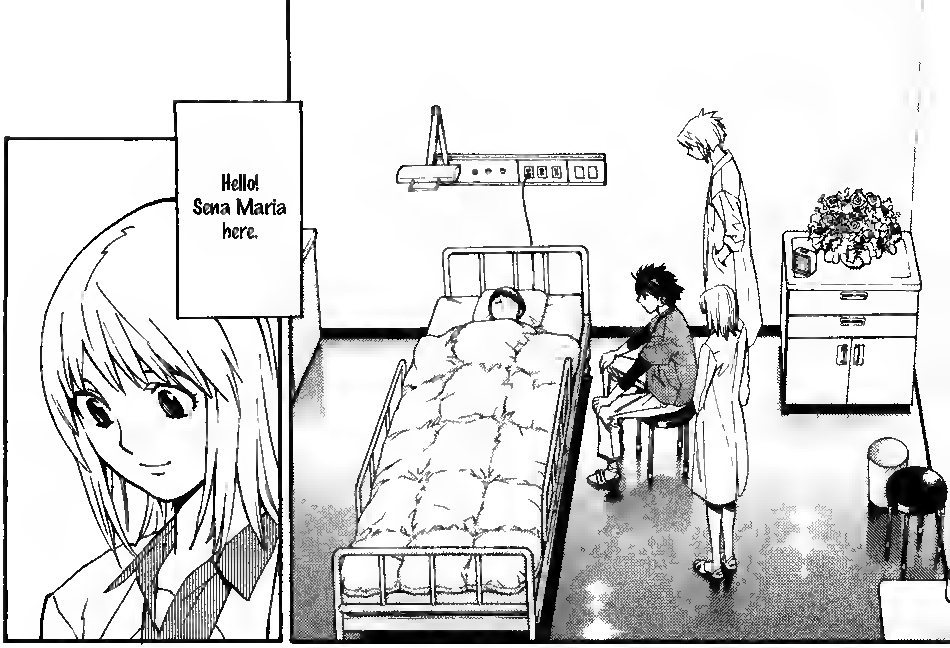
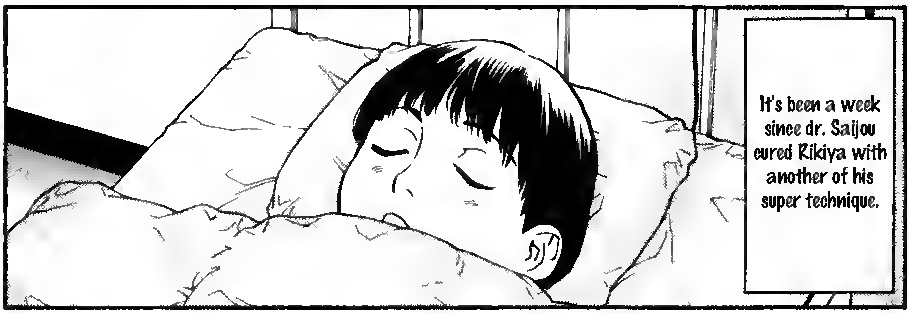
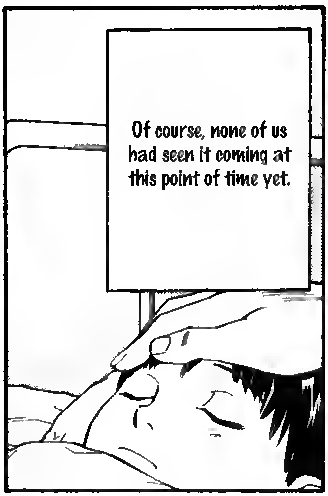
CHAPTER 53: NOGUCHI'S RESOLVE


Hello!
Sena Maria
here.


It's been a week
since dr. Saijou
cured Rikiya with
another of his
super technique.

DR.
SAIJOU.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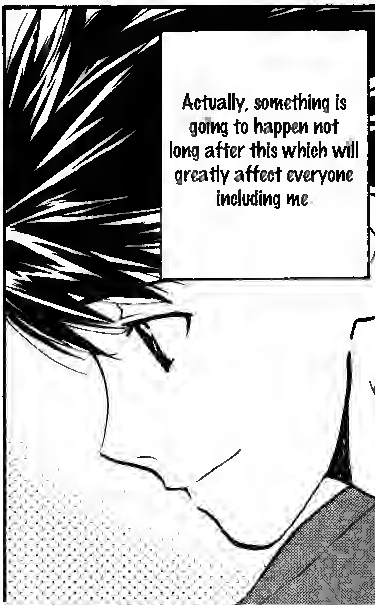
this point of time yet.


Actually, something is
going to happen not
long after this which will
greatly affect everyone
including me.

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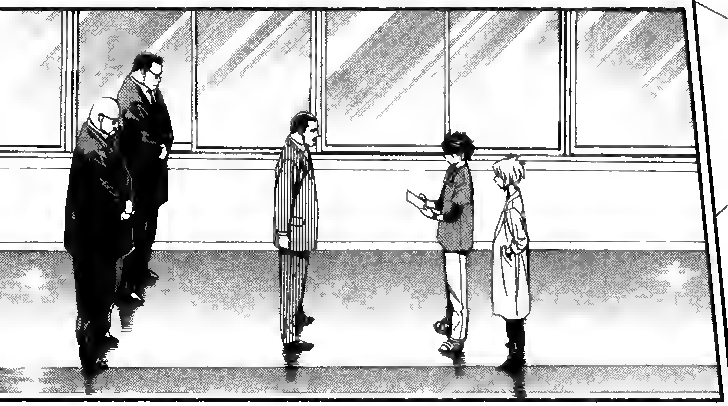
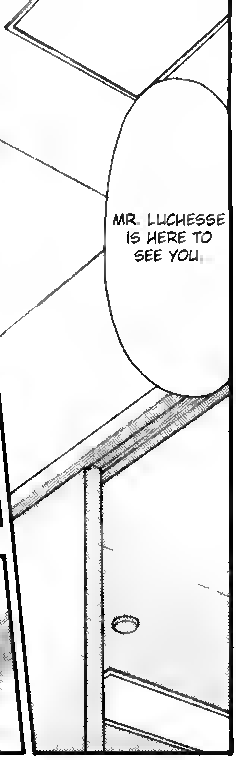
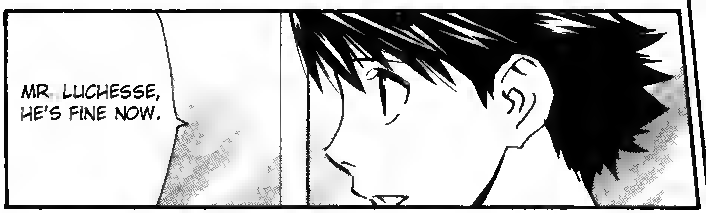
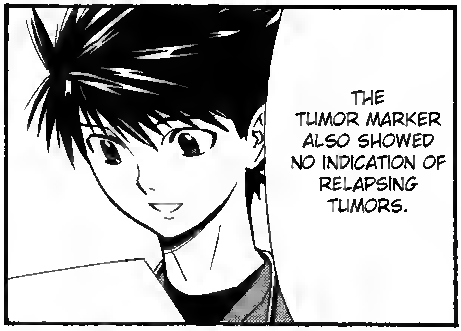



MR. LUCHESSE IS HERE TO SEE YOU.


MR. LUCHESSE, HE'S FINE NOW.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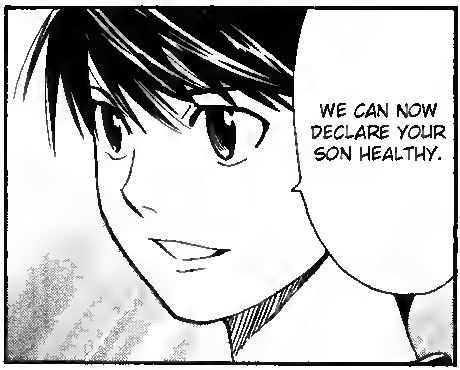
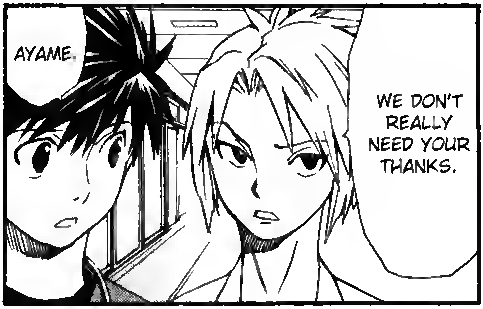

WE CAN NOW DECLARE YOUR SON HEALTHY.

I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO YOU...
LISTEN HERE, OLD MAN.

I TRULY THANK YOU.

I KNOW YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR SON VERY MUCH, BUT THAT WAS SIMPLY GOING TOO FAR..


AYAME.
WE DON'T REALLY NEED YOUR THANKS.

YOUR PAST SURGERY PERFORMANCE, MEDICAL RECORDS, THE HOSPITAL STAFF'S OPINION ON YOU, FAMILY LIVE..
OF COURSE YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER AS WELL
...!
RATHER, WOULD YOU CARE TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU DUG INTO OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

ANYONE WOULD BE SCARED IF PEOPLE LIKE YOU KNEW WHERE THEY LIVED.
BUT THAT WAS UNAVOIDABLE

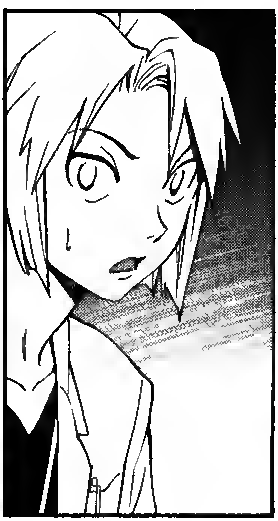
AND WHY IS THAT SO?

BECAUSE—

ISN'T IT A CUSTOM IN JAPAN TO SEND GIFTS TO PEOPLE WHO HAD HELPED YOU ON OBONS AND NEW-YEARS?

WELL, WE DO HAVE THAT KIND OF HABIT...

AM I WRONG?
WHAT?



WHY? ISN'T THE DECISION MINE TO MAKE?
BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THE SAME TO DOCTORS. AND THERE'S ALSO THE THING WITH OUR PHONE NUMBER..
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FOOL ME WITH THAT?
WAIT STOP PRETENDING
AH, YOU'RE RIGHT .
ALSO, DON'T WE NORMALLY PUT THE RECEIVER'S PHONE NUMBER ON THE PACKAGE?
THAT MAN RAN OFF ON HIS OWN.
ONLY YOU ARE CAPABLE OF DOING THAT...
SO HOW WILL YOU EXPLAIN THE MISSING SURGEON?
ACCORDING TO MY INTEL, HE'S CURRENTLY HIDING AT HIS RELATIVE'S IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE.
R-RAN OFF?

MAFIAS IN THE PAST DID PUT RINGS ON EACH 10 FINGERS AND KILLED PEOPLE BY ANY HEINOUS MEANS EXISTED...
CERTAINLY, WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HIM.
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...
ANYWAY, I THINK YOU PEOPLE HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD US AS MAFIAS.
BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, MAFIA BOSSES THESE DAYS LIKE ME WEAR ONLY A FEW RINGS... WE'RE NOT THOSE OLD-FASHIONED MAFIAS ANYMORE.
.....
I MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN REVENGE IF MY SON WAS DEAD. BUT HE IS STILL ALIVE SO THERE IS NO NECESSITY FOR ME TO ELIMINATE HIS SURGEON, IS THERE?
MORE-OVER...

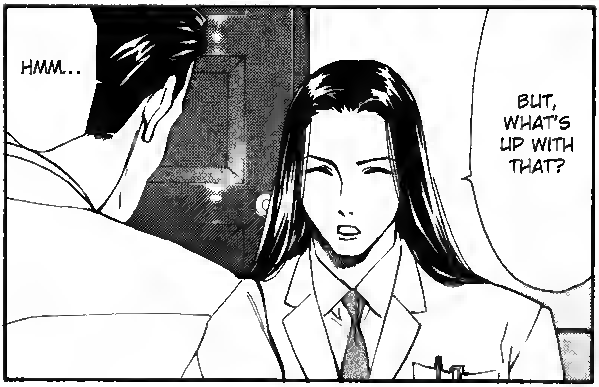
SORRY TO HAVE SUSPECTED YOU.
DON'T BE IT WAS FINE.
ERR. .
BY DOING SO, I WOULD JUST UNNECESSARILY SCARE PEOPLE OFF AND NO ONE WOULD DARE TO TREAT MY SON AGAIN, RIGHT?
IT WAS JUST AS MIKOTO HAD SAID.
I REALLY CAN'T IMAGINE HIM BEING THE ONE BEHIND IT
RUH?
WAS IT REALLY THAT MAN'S DOING?
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU GUYS DID FOR US.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU HAPPEN TO MEET ANY TROUBLES IN THE FUTURE DON'T HESITATE TO TELL ME.

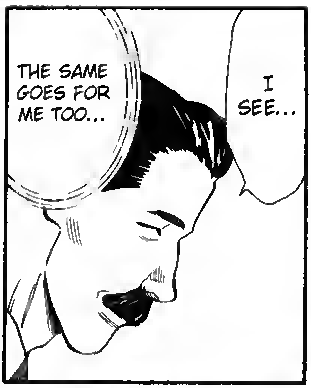
HE MIGHT HAVE ACTED ALL INNOCENT JUST NOW, BUT IF THE SURGERY REALLY DID FAIL, I'M SURE HE WAS GONNA KILL EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM INCLUDING THE PREVIOUS SURGEON.
BUT OUR BOSS IS TRULY ONE FEARSOME MAN.
EVEN SO, THOSE PEOPLE MUST BE VERY LUCKY.
...PROBABLY
OTHERWISE, WHY WOULD HE HAVE US FIND OUT THEIR WHEREABOUTS?
FROM HERE ON, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, HE'LL PUT HIS LIFE ON THE LINE TO HELP THEM.
THAT MAN NEVER FORGETS HIS GRUDGES BUT ALSO VALUES HIS BENEFACTORS EVEN GREATER.

AHAHAHAHA. THAT WAS PURELY HILARIOUS. DON'T YOU AGREE, DR. NOGUCHI?
DID YOU SEE HIS FACE WHEN I RECOUNTED SAIJOU'S METHOD TO HIM?
!!!

I UNINTENTIONALLY MOCKED HIM IN MY HEART.
HAHAHA. TRUE ENOUGH.
EVEN SO, HONESTLY SPEAKING I'M ALSO SICK OF JOINING HANDS WITH TRASHES LIKE MUNAKATA AND THE CHANCELLOR.
BUT ARE YOU FINE WITH THIS?
IF MUNAKATA RETREATS NOW, YOU WOULD LOSE YOUR CHANCE TO BECOME THE CHAIRMAN.
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

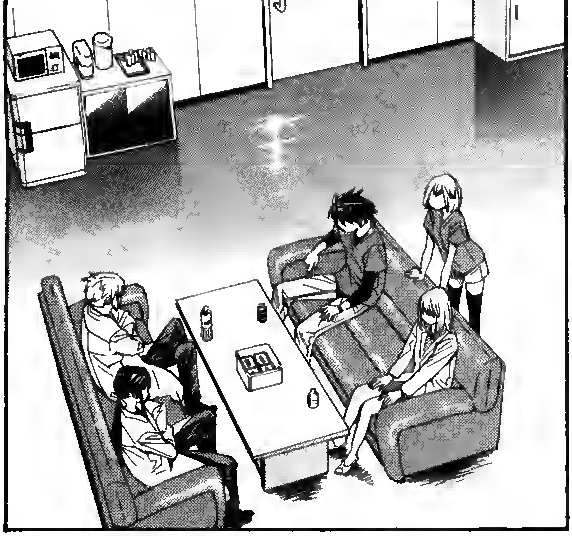
WHEN I THINK THAT A MAN OF SUCH KIND STILL EXIST, I JUST...

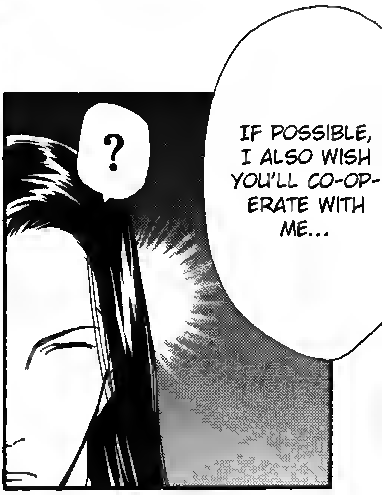

HMM...
BUT, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?


I SEE...
THE SAME GOES FOR ME TOO...

I HAVE JUST MADE A LITTLE RESOLVE WITHIN ME.

TO BE HONEST, MR. ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR...

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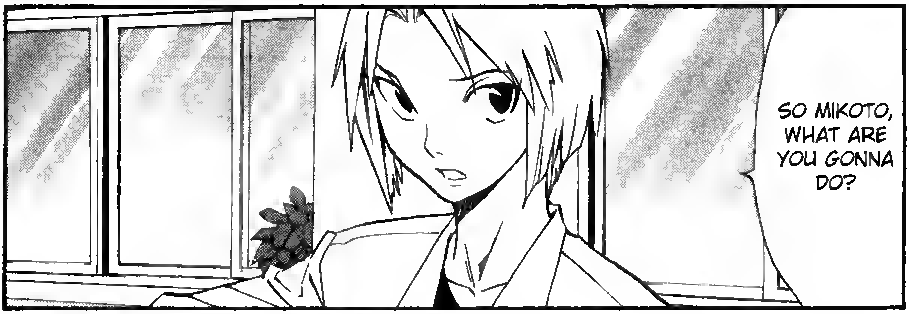
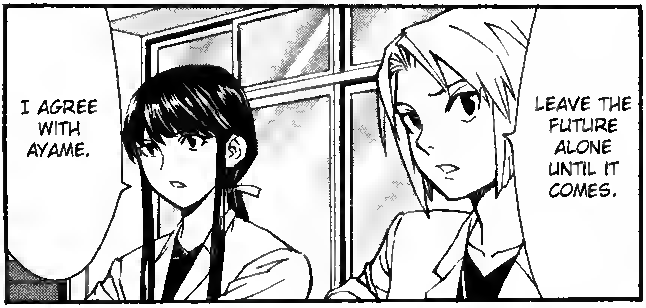
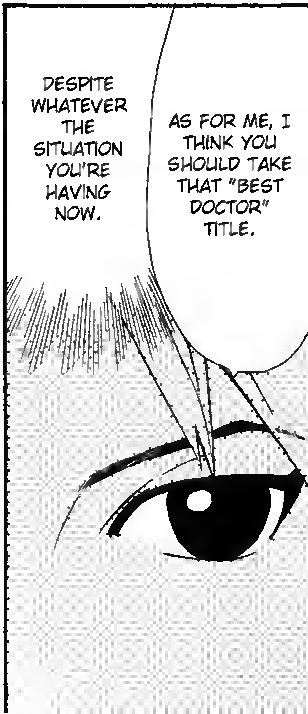
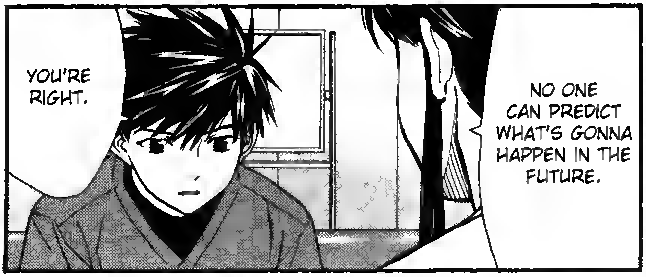
IF POSSIBLE, I ALSO WISH YOU'LL CO-OPERATE WITH ME...


SO MIKOTO, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?


I AGREE WITH AYAME.
LEAVE THE FUTURE ALONE UNTIL IT COMES.

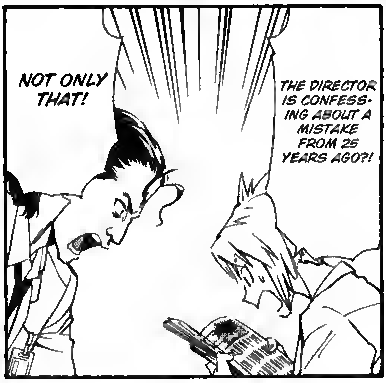

DESPITE WHATEVER THE SITUATION YOU'RE HAVING NOW.
AS FOR ME, I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THAT "BEST DOCTOR" TITLE.


YOU'RE RIGHT.
NO ONE CAN PREDICT WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.

HEY, GUYS!! TERRIBLE NEWS!
BUT IN ORDER TO DO SO...
OF COURSE, I'M ALSO ALL UP FOR IT.
AND WHAT'S IT? YOU DON'T SOUND YOURSELF, HANGING THINGS ON LIKE THAT...
A-ANYWAY, THIS IS REALLY AWFUL!
IT'S OUR DIRECTOR. DR. NOGUCHI, HE'S...
WHAT?
YES, YES.
WHATEVER, READ THIS!
SHE'S RIGHT. YOU'RE NOT ME.
YOU SHOULD CALM DOWN
O-OKAY!

A CONFESION ABOUT A SURGICAL MISTAKE FROM 25 YEARS AGO
HEISEI CENTRAL HOSPITAL DIRECTOR,
MR. NOGUCHI HIDETOSHI
Hot News on Medical Darkness
..WAIT,
WHAT'S THIS?!

HE ALSO EXPOSED EVERYTHING INCLUDING OUR HEISEI II'S VICE-DIRECTOR MUNAKATA'S DARK SECRETS


NOT ONLY THAT!
THE DIRECTOR IS CONFESSING ABOUT A MISTAKE FROM 25 YEARS AGO?!

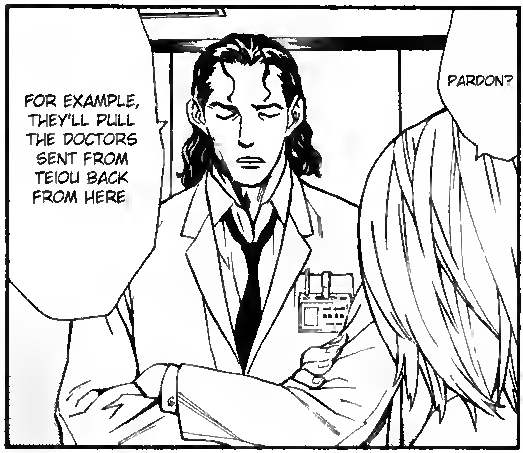
Vice-director of the same hospital Mr. Kiryuu Sadame also speaks out!
A battle against Vicious Schemes of Chancellor from Teiou University!
ON THE NEXT PAGE, YOUR BROTHER ALSO EXPOSED TEIOU UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR'S DARK SCHEMES...

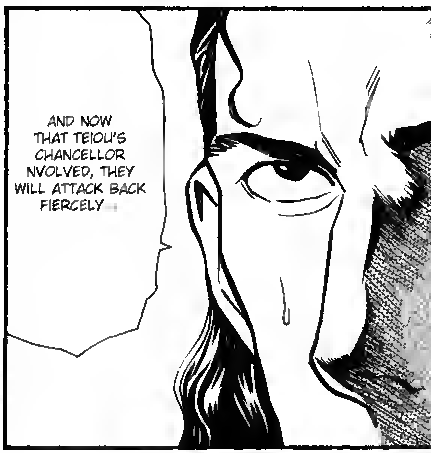
TH-THERE'S MORE!
S-SERIOUSLY?
FLIP

BUT WHY?
I HAVE NO IDEA AT ALL.
"AND THE HERO WHO DEFEATED THEM ALL IS THE NEXT CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITAL, SAIJOU MIKOTO." IS WHAT IT SAID!
AND I'M SURE MUNAKATA AND THOSE JOINED HANDS WITH HIM WILL BE FORCED TO SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATION AS WELL.
ANYWAY WITH THIS NOGUCHI'S RESIGNATION IS DECIDED.
WHAT A NAIVE THOUGHT!
THIS MEANS THE VILLAINS ARE ALL CLEANSED OUT
WOW, THIS IS AWE-SOME!

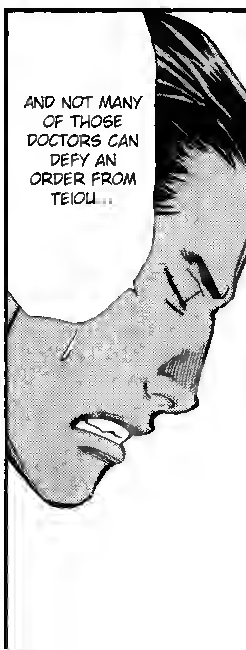
WITH SO MANY PEOPLE RESIGNING, IT MEANS THE HOSPITAL WILL NEED TO FIND THEIR REPLACEMENTS...

THIS IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS THAT!

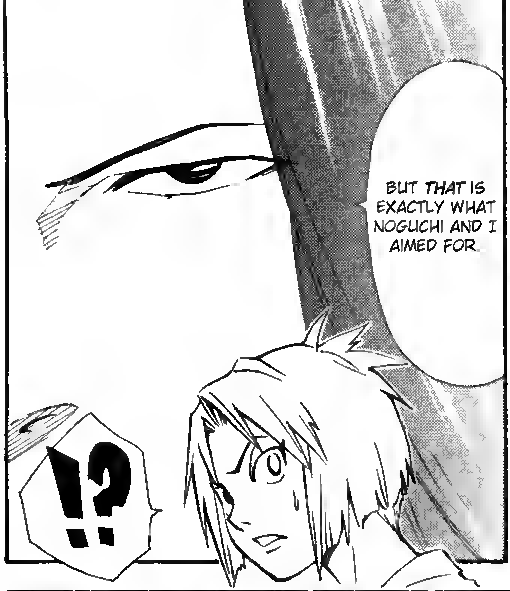

FOR EXAMPLE, THEY'LL PULL THE DOCTORS SENT FROM TEIOU BACK FROM HERE.
PARDON?


AND NOW THAT TEIOU'S CHANCELLOR NVOLVED, THEY WILL ATTACK BACK FIERCELY...

ONE-THIRD?!
ABOUT HALF THE DOCTORS IN HEISEI CENTRAL ARE FROM TEIOU. AT THE VERY LEAST, IT'S SAFE TO SAY WE'RE GONNA LOSE ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF OUR DOCTORS.


AND NOT MANY OF THOSE DOCTORS CAN DEFY AN ORDER FROM TEIOU...

OH MY, OH MY.
IDIOT! THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR SUCH IRRESPONSIBLE WORDS!
BUT LESS DOCTORS MEANS I CAN OPERATE ON OTHER SPECIALITIES AS WELL, RIGHT?
THAT'D BE TROUBLE. WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
HEY, WHY DO YOU LOOK SO HAPPY?
I SEE YOU PEOPLE ARE ALSO SEEING THIS AS A DISASTER, HUH.
TH-THAT MIGHT BE TRUE, BUT...
I'VE MADE AN ENEMY OUT OF THE CHANCELLOR BUT I DON'T RECALL EVER DOING ANYTHING TO MAKE YOU HATE ME.
THAT HURTS.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?!


BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT NOGUCHI AND I AIMED FOR.
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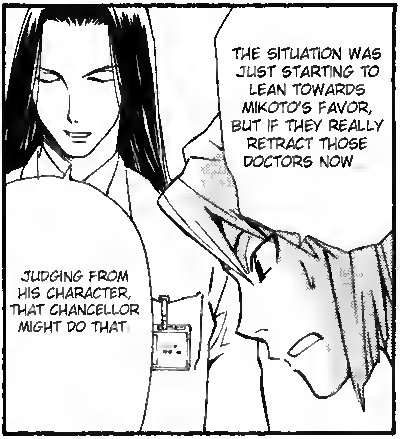
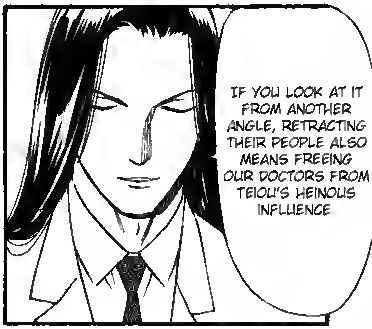

THE SITUATION WAS JUST STARTING TO LEAN TOWARDS MIKOTO'S FAVOR, BUT IF THEY REALLY RETRACT THOSE DOCTORS NOW...
JUDGING FROM HIS CHARACTER, THAT CHANCELLOR MIGHT DO THAT.

TO CREATE AN ULTIMATE, WHOLE NEW HEISEI GROUP UNDER SAIJOU MIKOTO...


IF YOU LOOK AT IT FROM ANOTHER ANGLE, RETRACTING THEIR PEOPLE ALSO MEANS FREEING OUR DOCTORS FROM TEIOU'S HEINOUS INFLUENCE.

FOR THE BIRTH OF THE BEST MEDICAL ORGANIZATION, THAT WILL BLESS HAPPINESS TO BOTH ITS PATIENTS AND STAFFS.

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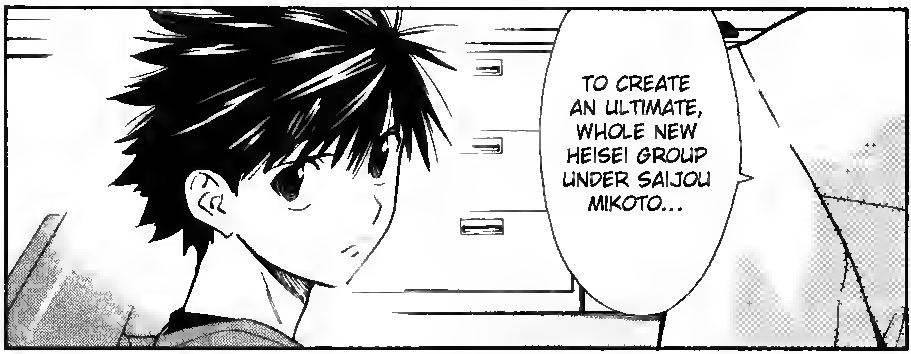
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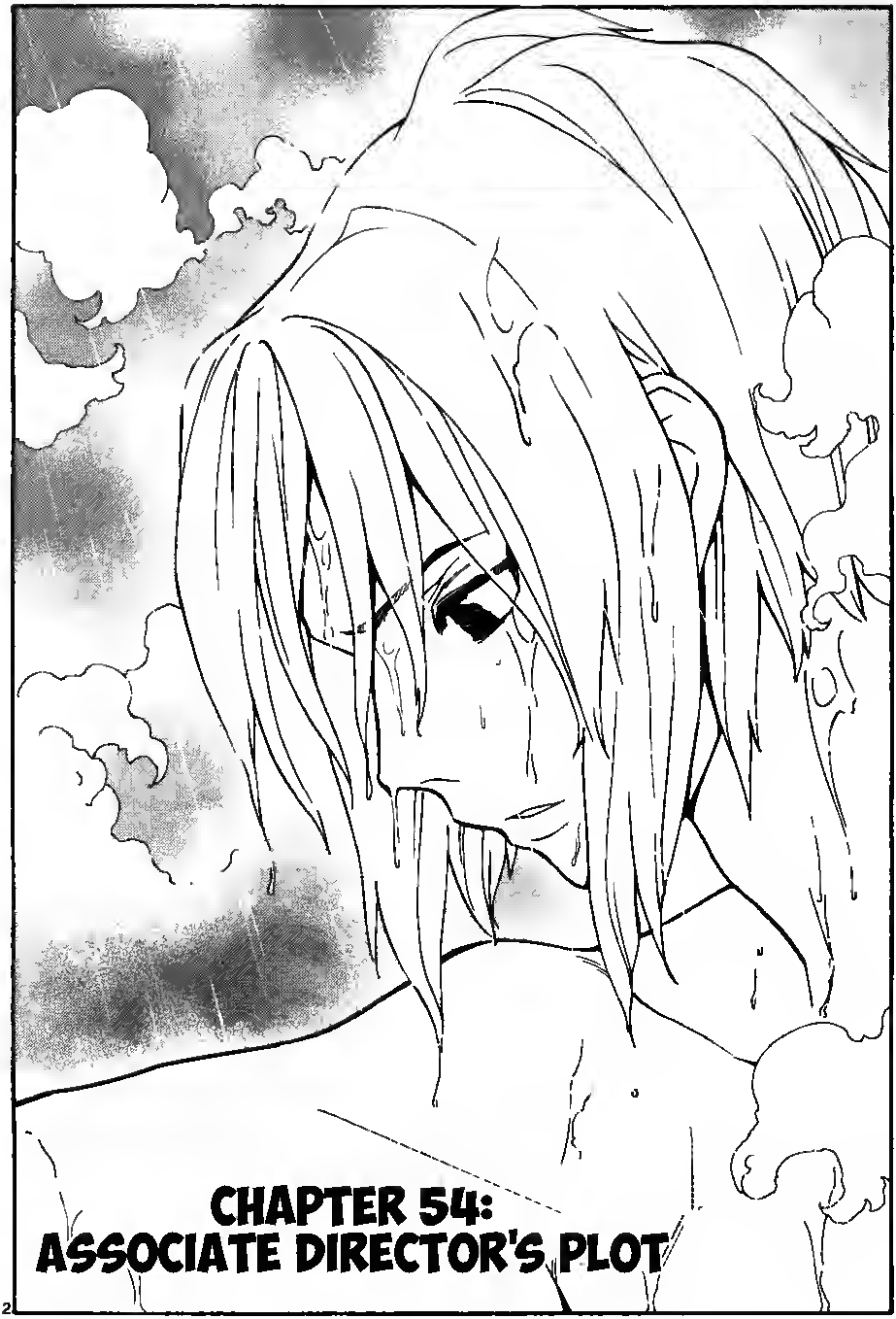
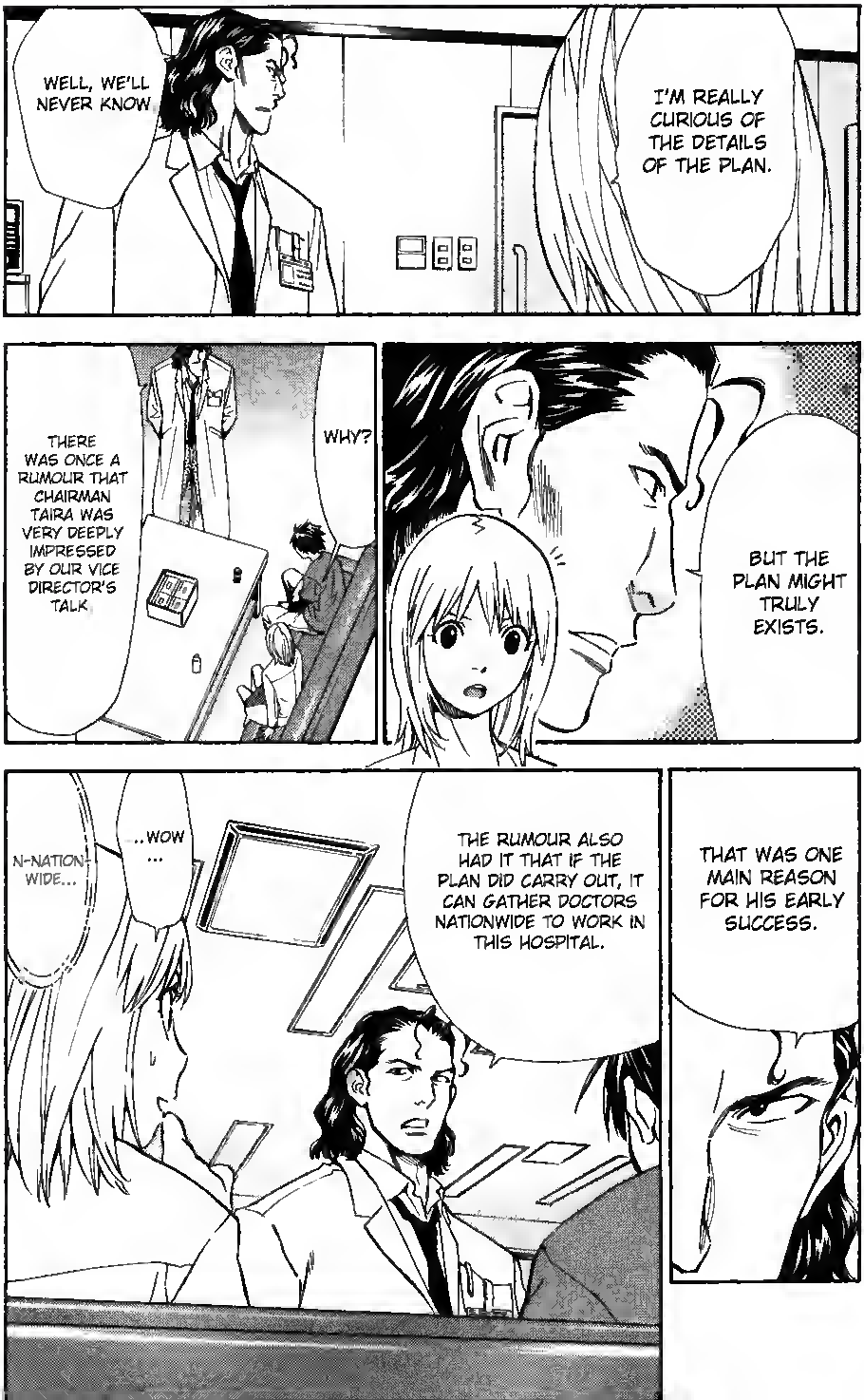


CHAPTER 54: ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S PLOT

HE SUDDENLY BARGED IN AND NOW LISTEN TO HIM...
HAHA-HAHA!
"BLESS HAPPINESS TO BOTH PATIENTS AND DOCTORS?" YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO NICE
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR AIM IS, BUT SUCH SAINTLY WORDS DON'T SOUND CONVINCING COMING FROM YOU.
THAT'S AN IMAGE YOU'VE FORCED ONTO ME.
MY PERSONAL GREEDS HAVE NEVER GONE AGAINST PUBLIC INTEREST ITSELF.

BUT IT'LL BE REGRETFUL IF YOU DEEMED MY END PLAN AS HIDEOUS GIVEN THAT I DO REACH THE TOP.
HUH!
AS YOU MUST HAVE KNOWN, I HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO PROVE MYSELF.
EXACTLY BECAUSE I STRONGLY WISH TO PROVE MYSELF TO THE PEOPLE AROUND ME, I HAD USED ANY MEANS AVAILABLE AND ENDED UP AS YOUR ENEMY...
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
THE BEST MEDICAL ORGANIZATION OR WHATEVER, WE NEED MORE CONCRETE...
THEN LET ME ASK YOU, WHAT EXACTLY IS YOUR END PLAN?
H-... HUH?
COME WITH ME.
THEN I'LL REVEAL IT, ONLY TO YOU.

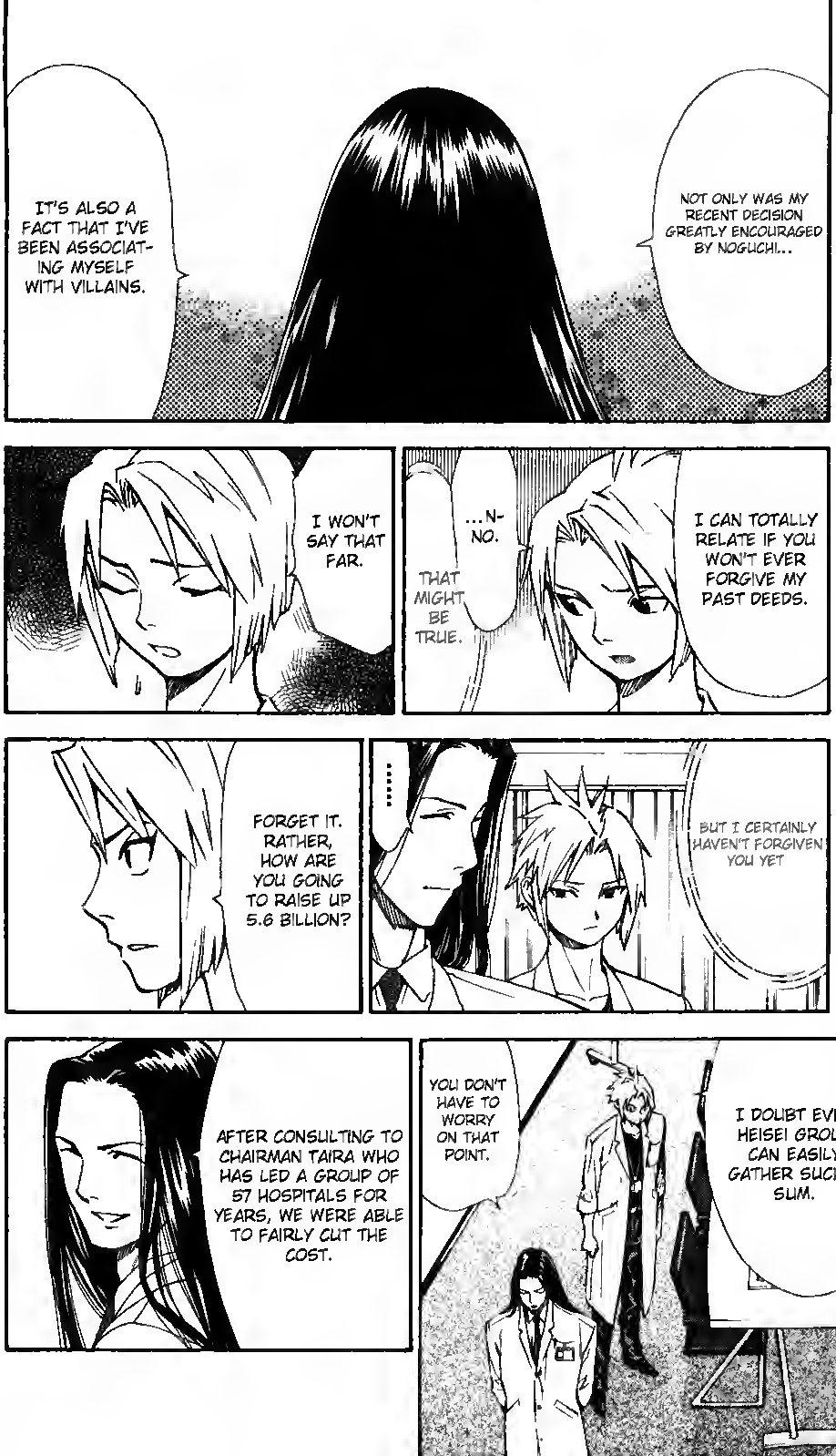
THIS IS MY SECRET DREAM, A GRAND PLAN THAT I'VE ONLY REVEALED TO A SELECTED FEW.
WH-WHY ONLY ME?!
THAT'S OBVIOUS.
SPRINGS UP
HE ALSO SUDDENLY CHANGED TO SIDE WITH US. JUST WHAT IS HE PLANNING...?
...HM...
AT LEAST, HE'S MAKING SENSE...
SIMPLY PUT, I CAN'T JUST TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT.
.....
COMPARED TO THE OTHERS, I WON'T BUY HIS LIES SO EASILY.
I'LL HEAR YOU OUT IN THE MEETING ROOM NEXT DOOR.
OH, WELL.
I- I WANT.
DO YOU WANT TO HEAR IT OR NOT?

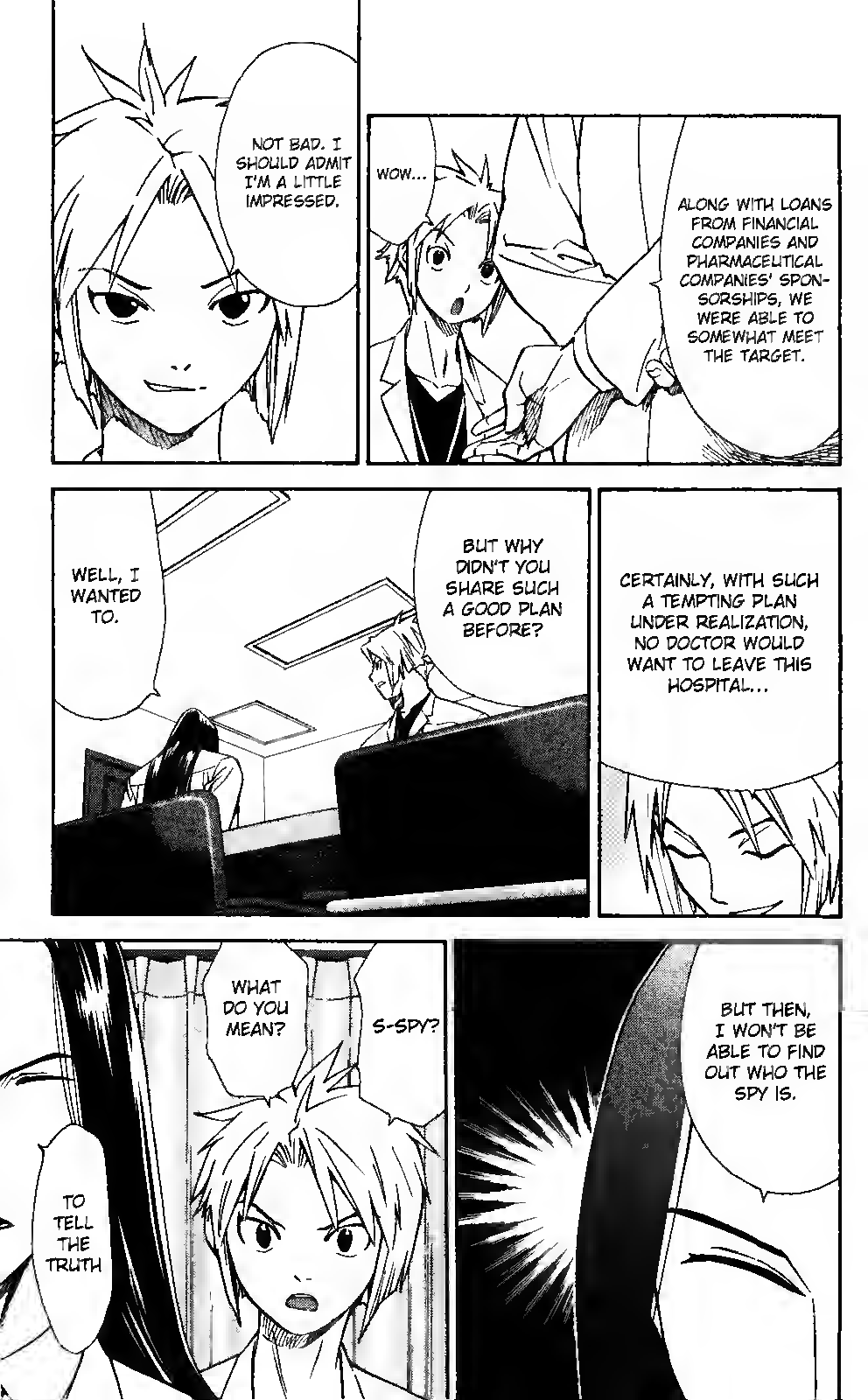

WELL, WE'LL NEVER KNOW.
I'M REALLY CURIOUS OF THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN.
THERE WAS ONCE A RUMOUR THAT CHAIRMAN TAIRA WAS VERY DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY OUR VICE DIRECTOR'S TALK.
WHY?
BUT THE PLAN MIGHT TRULY EXISTS.
N-NATION-WIDE...
..WOW ...
THE RUMOUR ALSO HAD IT THAT IF THE PLAN DID CARRY OUT, IT CAN GATHER DOCTORS NATIONWIDE TO WORK IN THIS HOSPITAL.
THAT WAS ONE MAIN REASON FOR HIS EARLY SUCCESS.

A MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE..?
TH-... THIS IS..
AND THAT IS ITS BLUEPRINT.
.....
THE FIRST NON-UNIVERSITY OPERATED, INDEPENDENT, PRIVATE FACILITY IN JAPAN WITH A TOTAL COST OF 5.6 BILLION. A GIANT MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE.
YES.

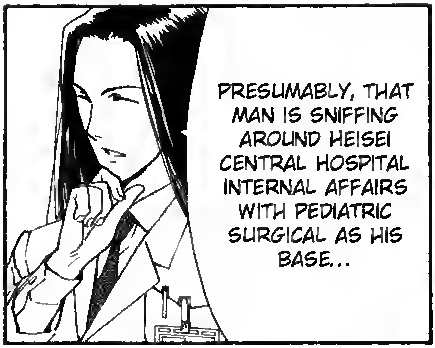
AS YOU KNOW, A REASON WHY JAPAN'S UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS TODAY HOLD GREAT POWER OVER DOCTORS IS "RESEARCH".
SINCE RESEARCH IS DIFFICULT TO DO OUTSIDE OF UNIVERSITIES, DOCTORS ARE UNABLE TO BREAK FREE FROM ITS DOMINATION...
IN FACT, THE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN'S UNIVERSITIES IS ALSO CONCERNING.
POOR FACILITIES, INSUFFICIENT FUNDS, AND ON TOP OF THAT, THERE IS NO FREEDOM AT ALL.
AND BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION IS VERTICALLY STRUCTURED, RESEARCHES REQUIRE LOTS OF APPROVALS FOR EVERY SMALL DECISION.
Y-.. YEAH..
THAT'S WHY EVERYONE PREFERS TO STUDY OVERSEAS.
EXACTLY.

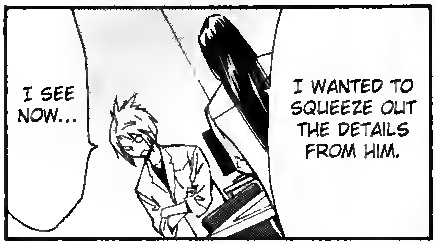
BY ANY MEANS AVAILABLE.
THE REASON WHY JAPAN CAN STILL MAINTAIN ITS RESEARCH STANDARDS TODAY IS PURELY DUE TO OUR OWN HUMAN RESOURCES' SKILLS...
I WANT TO CHANGE THIS SITUATION.
BROTHER.
THIS PLAN ALSO SHARE OUR FATHER'S DREAM.
OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND ME, BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW. THE REASON WHY WE WERE LET INTO SURGERIES SINCE WE WERE YOUNG...
HOWEVER... DESPITE WHATEVER EXCUSE I MAKE...

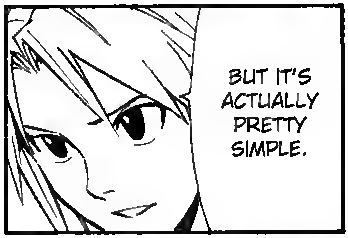

IT'S ALSO A FACT THAT I'VE BEEN ASSOCIATING MYSELF WITH VILLAINS.
NOT ONLY WAS MY RECENT DECISION GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY NOGUCHI...
I WON'T SAY THAT FAR.
...N-NO. THAT MIGHT BE TRUE.
I CAN TOTALLY RELATE IF YOU WON'T EVER FORGIVE MY PAST DEEDS.
FORGET IT. RATHER, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO RAISE UP 5.6 BILLION?
.....
BUT I CERTAINLY HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOU YET
AFTER CONSULTING TO CHAIRMAN TAIRA WHO HAS LED A GROUP OF 57 HOSPITALS FOR YEARS, WE WERE ABLE TO FAIRLY CUT THE COST.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ON THAT POINT.
I DOUBT EVEN HEISEI GROUP CAN EASILY GATHER SUCH A SUM.

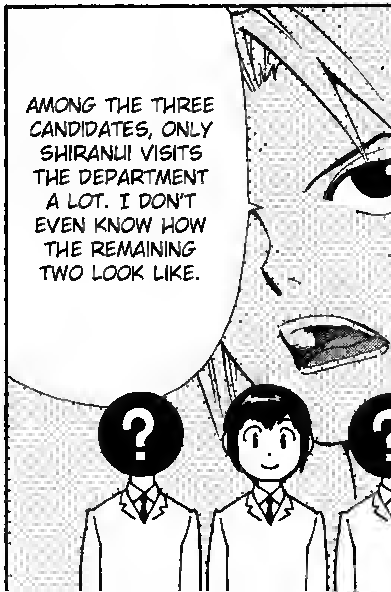

NOT BAD. I SHOULD ADMIT I'M A LITTLE IMPRESSED.
WOW...
ALONG WITH LOANS FROM FINANCIAL COMPANIES AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES' SPONSORSHIPS, WE WERE ABLE TO SOMEWHAT MEET THE TARGET.
WELL, I WANTED TO.
BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU SHARE SUCH A GOOD PLAN BEFORE?
CERTAINLY, WITH SUCH A TEMPTING PLAN UNDER REALIZATION, NO DOCTOR WOULD WANT TO LEAVE THIS HOSPITAL...
TO TELL THE TRUTH
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
S-SPY?
BUT THEN, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHO THE SPY IS.

I TOLD YOU
TO THINK THAT YOU HAVE SLIPPED A SPY INTO ONE OF THE THREE INTERESTED IN PEDIATRICS
YES.
YES.
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION, SAIJOU WENT TO SHANGHAI AN OPERATION FOR THE TRANSPLANTATION OF GREAT VESSELS SOON AFTER HIS BIRTH?
THERE SEEMS TO BE SPY AMONG THOSE WISHING TO JOIN PEDIATRIC SURGICAL.
THAT WAS HOW WE FOUND OUT ABOUT SAIJOU'S ILLNESS.
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO AIM TO BECOME DOCTORS AFTER SURVIVING MAJOR ILLNESSES WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG BUT IT SEEMS LIKE SAIJOU IS ONE OF THOSE AS WELL


PRESUMABLY, THAT MAN IS SNIFFING AROUND HEISEI CENTRAL HOSPITAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH PEDIATRIC SURGICAL AS HIS BASE...


I WANTED TO SQUEEZE OUT THE DETAILS FROM HIM.
I SEE NOW...


BUT IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY SIMPLE.


AMONG THE THREE CANDIDATES, ONLY SHIRANUI VISITS THE DEPARTMENT A LOT. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW THE REMAINING TWO LOOK LIKE.
?
?

THE SPY IS SHIRANUI.
NO, YOU'RE WRONG.

FROM MY INVESTIGATION, SHIRANUI'S MOST LIKELY A SPY SENT BY CHAIRMAN TAIRA.

I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
THEN, WHO IS IT...?!
YEAH, PERHAPS.
WHAT...?!
SO THAT'S WHO HE IS?
WE CAN ASSUME SOMEONE IS LEAKING INFORMATION TO ONE OF THOSE TWO.
BUT WITH THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW THE REMAINING TWO LOOK LIKE,
SOMEONE AMONG THOSE MEMBERS IN PEDIATRIC SURGICAL.
.....!!

AH DR. AYAME, WELCOME BACK.
IT WAS ONE HELL OF A DISCUSSION.
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HOW WAS YOUR DISCUSSION?
W-WELL ...
I... I SEE...
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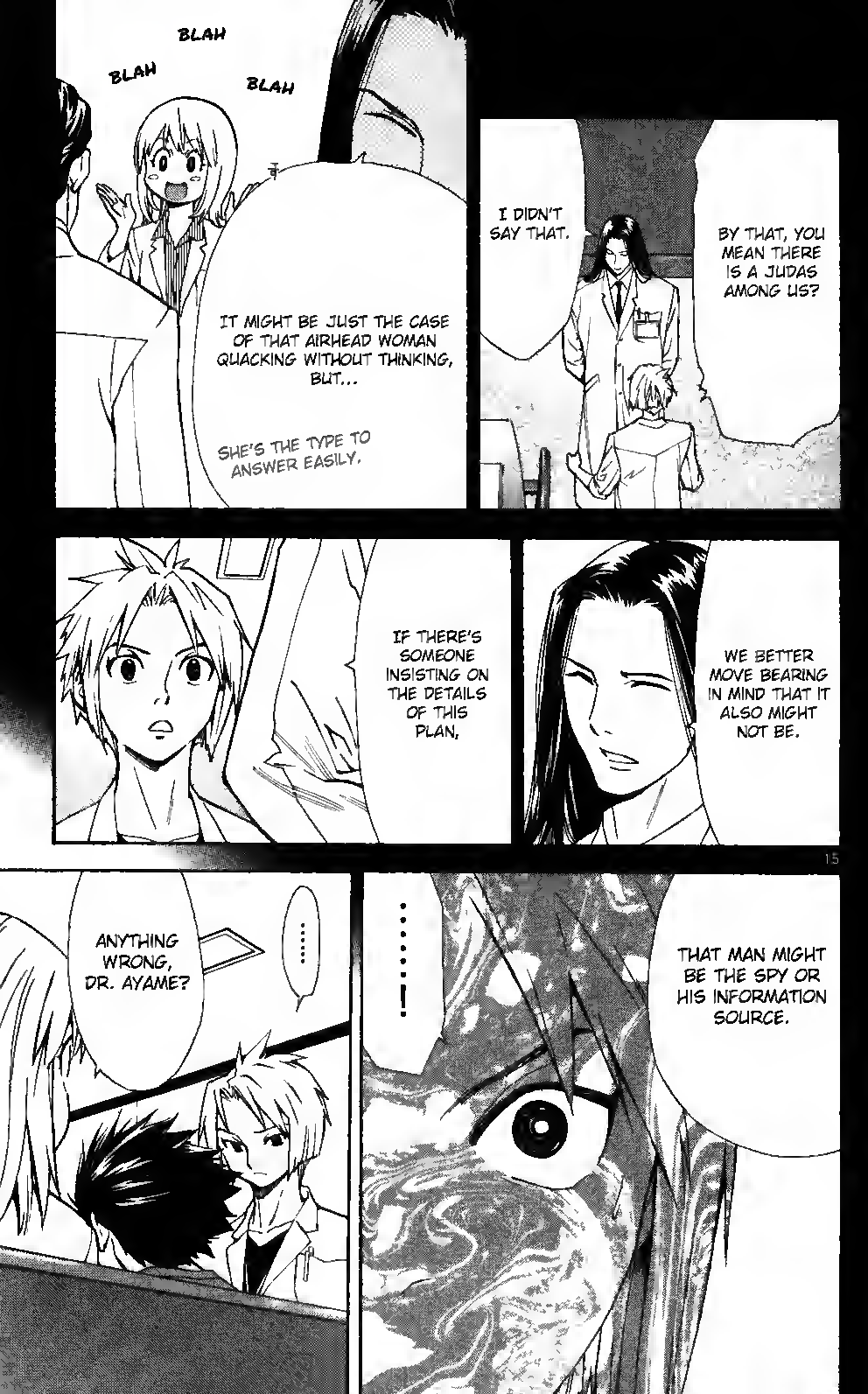
.....
SOMEONE AMONG THOSE MEMBERS IN PEDIATRIC SURGICAL?


BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
IT MIGHT BE JUST THE CASE OF THAT AIRHEAD WOMAN QUACKING WITHOUT THINKING, BUT...
SHE'S THE TYPE TO ANSWER EASILY.
I DIDN'T SAY THAT.
BY THAT, YOU MEAN THERE IS A JUDAS AMONG US?
IF THERE'S SOMEONE INSISTING ON THE DETAILS OF THIS PLAN,
WE BETTER MOVE BEARING IN MIND THAT IT ALSO MIGHT NOT BE.
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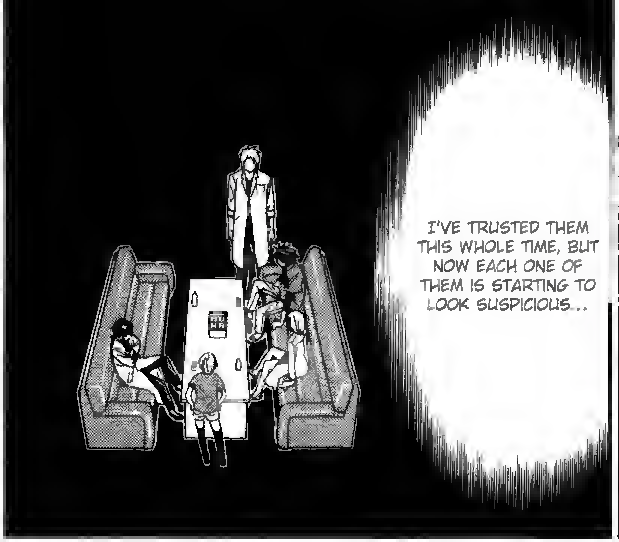
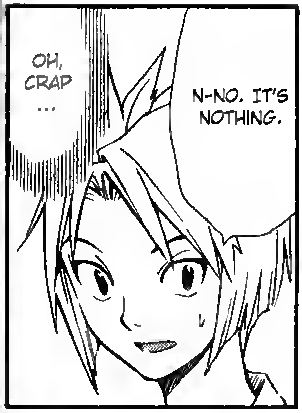
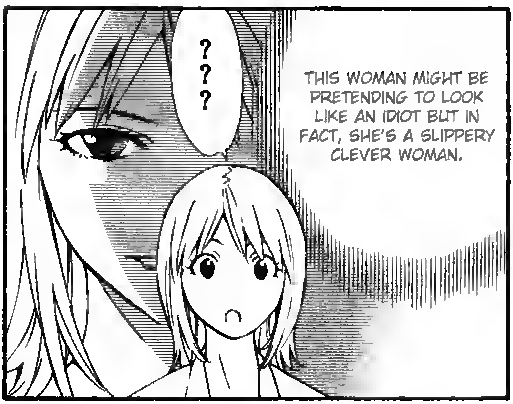
ANYTHING WRONG, DR. AYAME?
.....
.....!
THAT MAN MIGHT BE THE SPY OR HIS INFORMATION SOURCE.


I'VE TRUSTED THEM THIS WHOLE TIME, BUT NOW EACH ONE OF THEM IS STARTING TO LOOK SUSPICIOUS...


OH, CRAP ...
N-NO. IT'S NOTHING.

I-I SAID NOTHING IS WRONG.
YOU REALLY LOOK WEIRD, DR. AYAME.
HEY, AYAME.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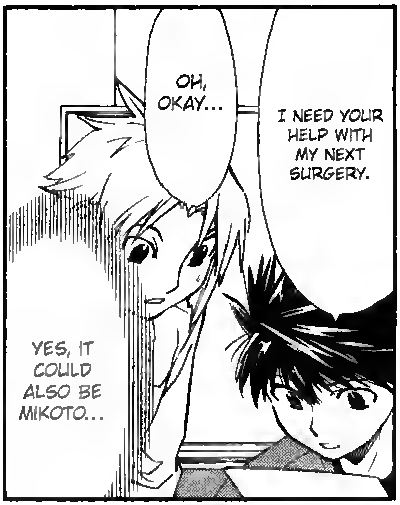
THIS WOMAN MIGHT BE PRETENDING TO LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT BUT IN FACT, SHE'S A SLIPPERY CLEVER WOMAN.

THIS KID HAS HEREDITARY LIVER TUMOR.
HE CAN'T BE THE SPY, BUT SINCE HE'S KIND, HE MIGHT ALSO SPEAK OUT EVERYTHING WITHOUT THINKING LIKE SENA...


OH, OKAY...
I NEED YOUR HELP WITH MY NEXT SURGERY.
YES, IT COULD ALSO BE MIKOTO...

WITH OUR TRANSPLANT CENTRE HELP, HE'S NOW ON WAITING LIST FOR BRAINDEAD DONOR.
HE'S A MALE, 15 YEARS OLD. HE NEEDS A LIVER TRANSPLANT,
FROM THE SPY'S GROUND, HE'D PREFER ASKING SENA RATHER THAN ASKING MIKOTO DIRECTLY.
NO, THAT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE
BUT THIS KID HAS A MORE COMPLEX ISSUE ..
SO...
???
O-OF COURSE
HEY AYAME, ARE YOU LISTENING?

I NEVER KNEW THIS HOSPITAL ALLOWED TRANSPLANTS FROM BRAINDEAD DONORS.
HUH?
NATSUME JUST JOINED RECENTLY, SO THAT CAN'T BE HER.
WOW... THAT'S UNEXPECTED.
IN THE END, THE SUSPICIOUS ONES ARE SENA, SAKAMOTO AND MIYABI..
THERE ARE ONLY APPROXIMATELY 10 HOSPITALS NATIONWIDE THAT PASS THE CRITERIA FOR TRANSPLANT FROM BRAINDEAD PATIENTS.
IT'S CERTAINLY NOT.
ISN'T THAT NORMAL?
NATSUME JUST CAME BACK TO JAPAN SO MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW, BUT HERE, BRAINDEAD PATIENTS ARE NOT PUBLICLY APPROVED AS DEAD YET.

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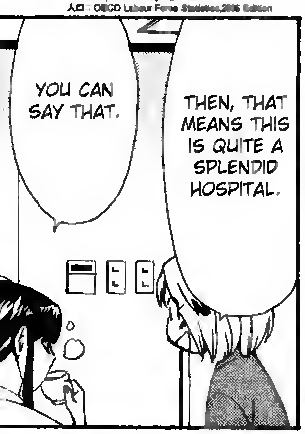
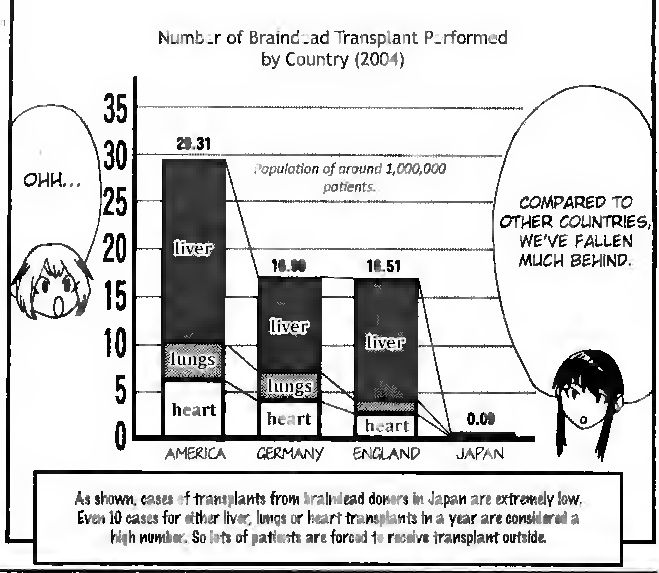
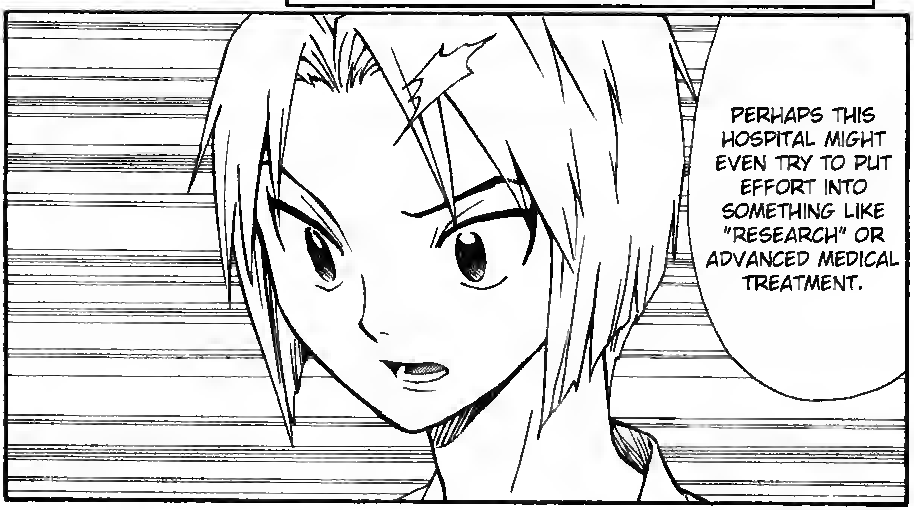
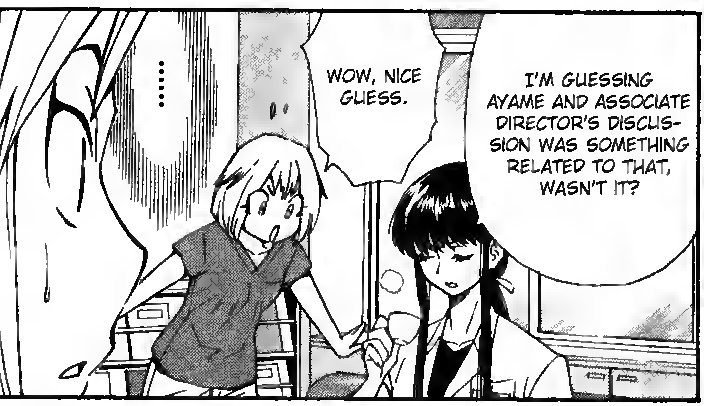
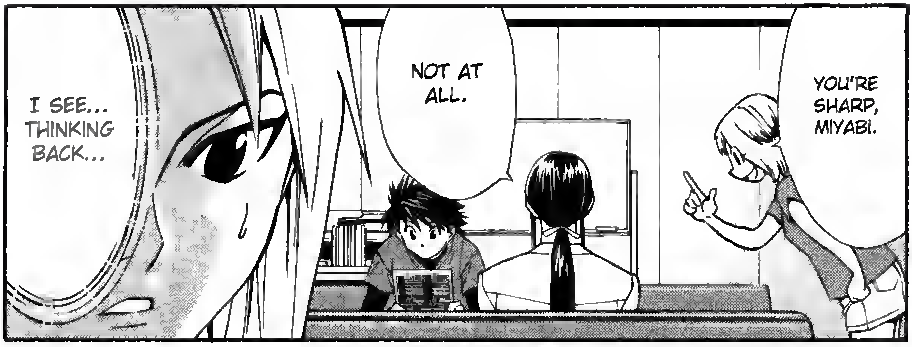




As shown, cases of transplants from brain dead donors in Japan are extremely low. Even 10 cases for either liver, lungs or heart transplants in a year are considered a high number. So lots of patients are forced to receive transplant outside.

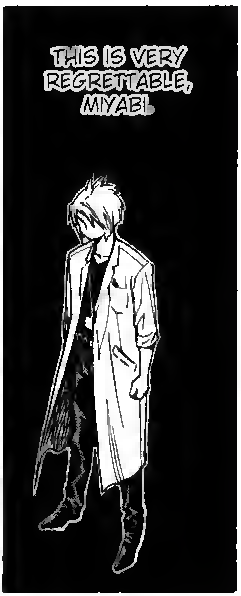





I SEE... THINKING BACK...
NOT AT ALL.
YOU'RE SHARP, MIYABI.

YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST AS GOOD, MIKOTO
I KNEW YOU MUST BE REALLY GOOD
SO THE DIRECTOR ASKED ME PERSONALLY TO BE IN THE OPERATION TOMORROW.
WOW
I'M MIYABI KOUSHIMA
OH, MIYABI IS AN ANESTHESTIST
MIYABI WAS A SKILLFUL ANAESTHETIST DIRECTOR NOGUCHI RECRUITED. WE NEVER KNEW WHICH UNIVERSITY HE WAS AN ALUMNUS TO, AND HE SUDDENLY APPROACHED MIKOTO OUT OF NOWHERE...

I WOULD'VE NEVER GUESSED THAT YOU'RE THE SPY...!


THIS IS VERY REGRETTABLE, MIYABI.

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